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# Iran: Hostage trial may begin shortly

TEHRAN, Aug. 4 (Agencies) — Iran's parliament speaker, in angry reaction to the detention of Iranian students in the United States, declared Monday that the parliament debate on the American hostages is being postponed but preparations for their trial as "spies" might shortly begin, Tehran radio reported.

Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr called on the detained Iranians, meanwhile, to resist deportation by U.S. authorities, "so that they have to drag you into the planes" if necessary.

Alleged police mistreatment of the 193 young Iranians, who were arrested during a demonstration last week in Washington, touched off a series of bitter protests in Iran, where many demanded that the threatened trial of the 52 American hostages as "spies" begin immediately.

Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has decreed that the fate of the hostages, who Monday began their 10th month in captivity, is in the hands of the Iranian parliament, or Majlis. Almost 200 U.S. congressmen recently wrote to Majlis Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani asking that the issue be given top priority.

But Monday, speaking at the morning session of the Majlis, Rafsanjani was quoted as saying: "Our reaction (to the Iranians' detention) is to postpone the discussion on the letter of the American congressmen. In this respect the Majlis has suggested a plan that the Supreme Judicial Council should be asked to prepare the grounds for the trial of the hostages."

The statement was reported by state-run Tehran radio in a broadcast monitored in London. It could not be determined immediately how firm the trial plans were.

Many members of the Islamic Republican Party, which controls the Majlis, favor putting the Americans on trial for alleged espionage, and then either "punishing" or expelling them.

The radio also quoted Bani-Sadr as saying in a letter to the Iranian Islamic Society in America and Canada that the U.S.-detained Iranians should "stand firm."

"If they are going to deport you, resist as far as possible, so that they have to drag you into the planes," he reportedly wrote. Many of the detained Iranians, being held in New York prisons, are on a hunger strike.

The Majlis first discussed the hostage problem last Wednesday, after 187 American congressmen sent a letter on the subject asking Iranian deputies to give the issue "top priority."

Ayatollah Rafsanjani said Monday that the United States "were not concerned about 40 or 50 hostages", adding that they had "organized this problem for their elections and to repress our revolution".

Militant Iranian students have been holding 52 Americans hostage since seizing the U.S. embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4.

The assembly was to debate Monday the validity of the seat won by Admiral Ahmad Madani, the former naval commander who was an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency and whose name was linked with last month's coup plot by military personnel.

Iranian anger mounted Sunday over the detention of their countrymen. U.S. immigration authorities were preparing for deportation proceedings against the detained Iranians — 160 men in a general prison in New York state, 20 women in a New York City Federal Detention Center, and three hospitalized men.

They were arrested a week ago when their Washington demonstration in support of Khomeini's Iranian regime ended in clashes with anti-Khomeini protesters and police.

The Iranians' lawyers contend they were brutalized by police and many have refused to eat in prison.

Iranian officials warned last week that the alleged mistreatment of the U.S.-jailed protesters would influence the fate of the 52 American hostages.

Tehran radio, in a broadcast monitored in London, said thousands of people staged a sit-in at a mosque in the northwestern Iranian

# Egypt-Israel ties not affected Talks not broken, Ali says

CAIRO, Aug. 4 (Agencies) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said that Egypt "has not broken off" negotiations on Palestinian autonomy following Israel's decision to establish the whole of Jerusalem as its capital. He said that a message from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin simply asks Israel to "eliminate the obstacles that are impeding the negotiation process."

Reports had said that Egypt has asked for a postponement of scheduled talks. Ali said Sadat also asked that Begin to "assume his responsibilities toward peace efforts."

Meanwhile, sources said that Egypt Monday was beginning to inform foreign diplomats here of Sadat's viewpoint regarding the new Israeli law.

Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben Elissar was summoned by Ali to receive Cairo's reaction to the decision passed last Wednesday.

Ali told reporters later that Sadat had urged begin in the message "to shoulder his commitments under the Camp David agreements and not to put obstacles in the way of peace."

Asked when they would start Ali said: "It is not our problem now, Israel has to decide the way."

Ali said the Jerusalem bill was illegal and contrary to the Camp David accords.

Sadat suspended the negotiations on autonomy for 1.5 million Palestinians on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip last May when the Jerusalem bill was introduced in the Israeli parliament.



Kamal Hassan Ali

## Tenders released for Arab satellite

JEDDAH, Aug. 4 — Tenders were put out for the construction of the first communications satellite by the Arab Satellite Communications Organization in Riyadh, a press statement said Monday. Tender documents were given to a number of companies specializing in this field which were asked to submit their offers by Nov. 1, this year, it said.

The statement said the decision to make tenders was taken at a three-day meeting of representatives of Arab communications ministries from Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Syria.

Under pressure from President Carter, Cairo returned to the conference table last month for an almost fruitless round of talks with delegates arguing publicly about the status of Jerusalem.

Egypt maintains that East Jerusalem, occupied by Israel along with other Arab territories during the 1967 war, is part of the River Jordan West Bank and its Palestinians should participate in the proposed autonomy system.

Under the Camp David accords, the negotiations were supposed to be concluded on May 26. But the deadline passed with little headway having been made and Western diplomats in Cairo generally see no hope of a breakthrough until after the U.S. presidential elections in November.

Egypt and Israel have failed to find much common ground on major issues such as the powers of the proposed Palestinian Council on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the role to be played by Israeli occupation authorities.

Ali said one way Israel could restart the talks would be for Begin to restate that every point, including the future of Arab east Jerusalem, were negotiable.

The indefinite postponement of the autonomy talks would not affect the normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel, Ali said, adding: "Nothing has changed in this respect."

He said Egypt and world opinion considered the Jerusalem bill null and void. Negotiations could not continue at the moment, he said, because the decision meant Israeli delegates would refuse to discuss matters affecting the Palestinians of east Jerusalem.

Diplomats in Cairo said Monday that the longer it takes Israel to reply to Egypt's suspension of the autonomy talks, the better the prospects for getting them restarted.

Diplomats familiar with the contents of the letter from Sadat to Begin, told the Associated Press:

Sadat is asking Begin for assurances that the question of who will govern Palestinian inhabited but Israeli-controlled east Jerusalem can at some date be negotiated — despite last Wednesday's vote in the Israeli parliament to make all of Jerusalem its capital.

The diplomatic sources, who asked not to be identified, said the letter does not specify what form Begin's assurances must take.

"I'm sure Sadat would want a public statement," one diplomat said. But he has the option of getting something privately from Begin, then standing up and saying, "I'm satisfied. Let's talk."

"A slow response is a good sign," a diplomatic official claimed.

The Egyptians hope Begin reads it and counts to 10, if he acts quickly, it'll probably be a slap in Sadat's face, and that could be the end of it," said another.

Diplomats said Sadat can live with the controversial bill that says Israel will rule all of Jerusalem as long as the Israelis will assure him passage of the law does not preclude discussing Jerusalem in the future.

"It's known as throwing the ball into the other guy's court," one of the sources said. Neither Egypt nor Israel made the letter public Sunday. Nor did the United States reveal the contents.

Sadat this week journeys to the Sinai for four days to mark the end of Ramadan, and diplomats said his trip is timed perfectly, "for him to be away and give Begin the chance to take his time."

Reporting the text of the message however the Cairo daily *Al-Ahram* said that Sadat accused Israel of having eliminated all "meaning" of the autonomy talks through the July 30 Knesset decision proclaiming Jerusalem, the "indivisible capital of Israel."

The newspaper said that Sadat accused Israel of erecting barriers to the negotiations and reiterated Egypt's willingness to continue the talks under the condition that Israel does not impose its Jerusalem policy as a fait accompli.

Before seeing the Israeli ambassador, Ali met Sunday with U.S. Ambassador in Cairo Alfred Atherton, giving him a copy of Sadat's message to Begin for U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Former U.S. Undersecretary of State Joseph Sisco, was also present.

Meanwhile the Israeli government Monday met in special session to draft what is expected to be a sharp response to Egypt's suspension of the autonomy talks for the second time in three months.

Begin will read the 10-page message received Sunday from Sadat.

# W. Bank stages general strike

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4 (AP) — One-day general strike was observed in the occupied West Bank to protest prison conditions for Palestinian Arabs in Israeli jails, a military spokesman said. Stores in Hebron remained closed, he said, and troops forced merchants in Ramallah to re-open.

The strike had been called by West Bank organizations in sympathy with a three-week hunger strike by Palestinian prisoners. Families of the prisoners have demonstrated outside the French and American consulates in Jerusalem and at the Red Cross.

In the Gaza Strip, about 80 female relations of the prisoners demonstrated in front of the Red Cross for the third day. Some shopkeepers were reopening for business in east Jerusalem, where police and troop strength was stepped up.

On Sunday the military government issued a stern warning against any participation in a general strike.

Mayors and merchants were warned that "any strike effort will be broken by the army." Israeli radio said the military government "will prevent any hindrance to normal life."

The strike call was issued by the National Orientation Committee, unions and women's groups as a show of solidarity with prisoners in Nafkha prison on their 20th day of a hunger strike against inhumane conditions in the desert bastille.

The number of hunger strikers among the Palestinian prisoner population has reached about 600 out of an officially estimated 3,000 Palestinian prisoners.

At a news conference Sunday, relatives of Palestinian prisoners said that the hunger strike by "our children and our brothers" was not connected with political aims but was solely aimed at improving prison conditions.

## Gold fixed at \$621.5

LONDON, Aug. 4 (AP) — The dollar eased in early trading Monday after ending last week on a stronger note. Gold prices firmed. There were few fresh news developments to affect the money or bullion markets in Europe, dealers said.

In Zurich, the main bullion market, morning prices for gold were higher at \$621.50 an ounce. The market was closed due to a holiday on Friday, but on Thursday it closed at \$618.

In London, gold prices stayed steady in early trading at \$622.25 a troy ounce, compared to Friday's finish of \$622. Dealers said trading was "rather quiet and steady" and one London gold dealer said there was bargain-hunting going on.

Gold was fixed at \$622.25 in morning trading.

Silver prices were trading at mid-morning at \$15.65 up from Friday's close of \$15.61.



ARREST: An undefined black male is arrested during disturbance in the predominantly black part of Orlando Fla. Several fires were reported and numerous arrests.

# Gulf authorities face dowry problem

MANAMA, Aug. 4 (AFP) — A new Arab battlefield has opened in the Gulf states — over the crippling demands by parents for their daughter's wedding dowry.

The authorities in the Gulf states are being forced to intervene in what has become an alarming situation, with dowries ranging from \$2,700-8,000 according to the Bahrain daily newspaper *Akhbar Al-Khalij*.

All Gulf newspapers have started a campaign against what they are calling "the matrimonial battlefield." They are referring to the bride and bridegroom as "the duped and the duped."

Experts here point out that traditionally the dowry — "mehr" in Arabic — guarantees financial security for the wife during her married life or in the event that she is repudiated by her husband.

But the actual marriage ceremony and rites, based on ancient local customs, differ widely between, for instance, Bedouins, rural and city people. Settling on a figure for the dowry depends on these factors.

*Akhbar Al-Khalij* commented: "The marriage ceremony crisis are madness. In

addition to the dowry itself must be added the expense of obligatory sumptuous presents that the parents-in-law feel they must offer to show their love and respect."

In Qatar, the government has for some time been giving its unmarried civil servants a loan of \$5,400 to cover the costs of their first marriage.

This sum seems to be a derisory one judging from one press comment: "The new Qatar husband finds that he is up to neck in debt and financially crippled the moment that the wedding ceremony is over."

The Qatar Consultative Council (parliament), considering that providing the loan only to civil servants was discriminatory, has urged the government to extend this loan to all young men marrying for the first time.

It has also recommended that repayment of the loan should be canceled at the birth of the first child, but there is little support for this measure. The dowry controversy appears to be less violent in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), mainly because many of the brides are foreigners and their parents are far less

interested in Dowries.

The UAE authorities, unhappy at this new trend which they saw as penalizing local girls, announced last week that marital financial aid, ranging from \$13,500-30,000, would be given to unmarried men and women.

But many Arab sociologists are critical of this move. They have told Gulf newspapers in press interviews that the UAE gesture "degraded young people's personal initiative in meeting together."

Saudi Arabia also has its problems. The newspaper *Al-Riyadh* which, in a lengthy editorial, criticized "incredibly high dowries, and fortunes wasted on wedding ceremonies."

In Bahrain a social affairs ministry survey showed that the average dowry in the island was about \$1,350. This was judged reasonable, although ministry officials feared that the marital situation would face problems if the number of marriages to foreign girls, mainly Indian and Egyptian, increased more than the current rate of 10 per cent of Bahriani marriages.

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## In Koran reading contest

## Malaysia takes lead

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 4 (SPA) — Malaysia regained the first place in the international Koran reading contest this year among male competitors. The International Islamic News Agency (IINA) reported that Hajji Abdul Ghani Abdullah beat 21 other contestants by obtaining 89.5 points.

In the women's contest, Indonesia won the first place thanks to Mar'eyya Oifa who obtained 88 points.

Second place in the male contest was grabbed by the Indonesian candidate Tatang Qassem who obtained 89 points. Qassem was the winner last year. Second among women came Dayang Hajjah Massen bint Abdul Mannaf from Boroni who obtained 84.5 points.

Muhammad Habibullah Bilali from Bangladesh won the third place among men with

81.5 points. The third among women was Al-Hajjah Khamisa bin Al-Haj Omar from Singapore who got 84 points.

Malaysia won the first place in 1975. A year later, it was Indonesia that won the first place, followed in 1977 by Boroni. In 1978 it was Thailand and in 1979 Iran. As for Indonesia, this time is the second consecutive time that its female Koran readers won first place. It also scored victory in 1975 with another female reader.

A total of 22 Koran readers competed in this year's contest, the 21st in the series as well as 11 female candidates from 23 Islamic states. The contest, at Mardika stadium in Kuala Lumpur began on July 31 and last for three nights.

## Recommendation accepted on water source ruling

RIYADH, Aug. 4 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam adopted a recommendation to keep non-potable water sources of Wadi Hanifa from Al-Orayja region southward, including the two sources north and south of the ramp of al-Orayja bridge.

The recommendation was submitted by a committee made up of representatives of the Governorate, the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, Riyadh Water and Sewage Department and Riyadh Municipality in order to alleviate pressure from the non-potable water sources inside the city and to serve citizens dwelling south of Riyadh. The sources are continuously fed by sewage water.

The prince approved the recommendation on condition that any tanker carrying such water must bear the inscription that it is non drinkable. But the committee at the same time recommended that the rest of the sources at Wadi Hanifa and their ramifications, including Wadi Nimar, be backfilled as they affect neighboring cultivated areas.



Prince Sattam

## saudi comment

By Samir Shamma

Al Medina

Public transportation has curbed somewhat the excesses of taxi drivers, especially those operating at the airport. But the problem has not been eliminated entirely; taxi drivers park far from the airport exit and walk back to bargain with incoming passengers.

In other countries, this problem has been solved in two ways. First they installed meters on taxis and placed an official near the taxi stand to force the cab driver to take the passengers one by one in their own turn. The driver is not allowed to bargain or to refuse to accept a passenger, while the passenger gets a slip with the taxi's name and number on it, so that he can register a complaint if necessary.

Second, they have "garages" for taxis, which have predetermined rates. An official gives the passenger a ticket with the



Prince Saud Al-Faisal

## Foreign minister explains stand on Knesset decision

TAIF, Aug. 4 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal received five ambassadors to Saudi Arabia Sunday and briefed them on the Kingdom's stand toward the Israeli Knesset decision regarding Jerusalem. He also expounded the dangers inherent in the decision.

The prince conferred with ambassadors from Brazil, Italy, Kuwait, Mauritania and Nepal.

A day earlier, Prince Saud received five diplomats. The ambassadors include Tengku Haji Muhammad Tayeb, Indonesia; Datu Serri Al-Haj Qamaruddin ibn Al-Haj Muhammad Issa, Malaysia; Liminding Pangendaman, Philippines; and Thailand's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Prasong Suwanpradhes. He also received John Connally, the governor of Texas, who is on a visit to Saudi Arabia.

taxi fare printed on it, and the driver is bound to accept the passenger on that fare. If, however, the passenger wishes to tip the driver at the rate of 10 to 15 per cent of the fare, it depends upon his own sweet will.

We made an experiment with the meter, which was turned down by the taxi drivers, and consequently dropped. Now we don't have any alternative but to encourage someone to set up a garage that agrees to function at the official rate. Any passenger wishing to hire a taxi from the garage will pay at the official rate punched on a card by the garage official at the airport.

I have no doubt some people must be interested in opening such a garage. If this takes place, we will then pay only moderate fares and passengers will be saved the risk of exploitation. Presently, this problem is bringing a bad name to the country.

## Salman lists donations for Afghanistan

RIYADH, Aug. 4 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, also the Chairman of the Higher Committee for Receiving Donations to Afghan Freedom Fighters, received a new wave of donations totalling SR194,904.30. The sums donated ranged from SR43,780 to SR30, mostly from anonymous donors.

In the meantime, The Philanthropic Society here received more donations. They included SR150,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Aziz Al-Musallam; SR100,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Saleh Al-Jarrah; SR100,000 from Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel and Saleh Al-Ahmed; SR100,000 from Sheikh Hassan Muhammad Al-Zamel; SR40,000 from Abbas and Zaidi Co.; SR35,000 from Dr. Muhammad Irfan Al-Khawarizmi; SR25,000 from Ibrahim Shaker Shop; SR15,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz Saleh Al-Hajjari; SR15,000 from an anonymous donor; SR10,000 from Usam Al-Najdiyah Establishment; SR10,000 from an anonymous donor; SR10,000 from Khadeem Factory and Est.; SR10,000 from Al-Hajjari; SR5,000 from Saleh Al-Oweid and Othman Al-Said; SR4,500 from Abdul Shark Gold and Jewel Gallery; SR4,000 from Ahmad Salem Ba Oazi; SR3,000 from Muhammad ibn Salem Al-Maleki; SR3,000 from Al-Somali Est.; SR2,000 from an anonymous donor; SR1,500 from an anonymous donor; SR1,250 from an anonymous donor; SR1,000 from Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal; SR1,000 from an anonymous donor; SR500 from an anonymous donor; SR500 from Al-Saqaf Shop; SR500 from an anonymous donor; SR500 from Al-Habib Est.; SR200 from an anonymous donor and SR200 anonymously.

At the same time, The Philanthropic Foundation of Hana received a new list of donations on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan totalling SR315,000. It included SR50,000 from The Arab Construction Trading Company; SR30,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz and Sheikh Muhammad Al-Jumali; SR30,000 from The Saudi Construction Co.; SR25,000 from Abdullah Hafeem Est.; SR20,000 from Sheikh Abdul Latif Al-Hamawi; SR10,000 from The Saudi Cement Co.; SR12,000 from Sheikh Muhammad and Ibrahim Al-Jarrah; SR10,000 from Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sayari; SR10,000 from Paul Arabi Limited; SR10,000 from Sheikh Yusuf ibn Ahmad Kanoo; SR5,000 from the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation; SR5,000 from Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Jarrah; SR5,000 from Abdullah Al-Khazri and Sons Co.; SR5,000 from the Saudi Maintenance Co.; SR5,000 from Al-Zahed Tractor; SR5,000 from Al-Tawfiq Trading Est.; SR5,000 from Sheikh Hassan Abdul-Khalik; SR5,000 from Sheikh Abdullah Al-Jarrah; SR5,000 from Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Shawar; SR5,000 from Sheikh Jasser Al-Harabi; SR5,000 from The National Dairy and Ice Cream Factory; SR4,000 from The Dallah Group of Companies; SR4,000 from Ibrahim Saleh Al-Awad Est.; SR3,000 from Al-Musawwar Printing Shop; SR3,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Henali; SR3,000 from Sheikh Faid and Omar Al-Ahmed; SR3,000 from Al-Ahmed and Al-Yahya Co.; SR2,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Jarrah; SR2,000 from Sheikh Abdullah Al-Omani; SR2,000 from Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Arabi; SR2,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Khalid Shabab; SR2,000 from Sheikh Hamad Al-Maghbool; and SR2,000 from Sheikh Othman Al-Khawarizmi.

The Eastern Province Philanthropic Society Sunday received the fifth wave of donations on the occasion of Ramadan that totalled SR2 million.

The gifts included SR150,000 from Sheikh Ahmad Jawad El-Dar; SR50,000 from Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Qorishi; SR50,000 from Sheikh Ahmad Jawad El-Dar as contributions to the families of prisoners; SR50,000 from Sheikh Abdullah Al-Horayeb Est.; SR50,000 from Dallah Group; SR50,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Hamad Al-Hamawi; SR50,000 from Al-Tamimi and Faid Est.; SR50,000 from Sheikh Saleh and Abdul Aziz Abu Hameed; SR50,000 from an anonymous donor; SR50,000 from another anonymous donor; another SR50,000 anonymously; SR40,000 from Abdullah Bin Omar Shop; SR25,000 from Al-Khazri Trading and Electricity Company; SR25,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel and Bros.; SR20,000 from Sheikh Omar Khalid El-Dar; SR20,000 from Sheikh Najim Al-Zahedi; SR15,000 from Zaidi Tractors; SR15,000 from Al-Falah Sports Shop; SR10,000 from Sheikh Bin Ali Badaghaish; SR10,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Salim Al-Ahmed; SR10,000 from Al-Khazri Trading Company; SR10,000 from Al-Qadi Commercial Est.; SR5,000 from Dr. Ghazi Alghamdi; SR5,000 from Sheikh Abdul Latif Al-Othman; SR5,000 from an anonymous donor; SR5,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Bin Hamam; SR5,000 from Muhammad Sulaiman Al-Mahmud; SR5,000 from Prince Saud ibn Abdul Muttalib; SR5,000 from Dr. Muhammad Turki Al-Turki; SR5,000 from Abdul Rahim Al-Dar; SR1,500 from Othman Hamad Al-Somali for the families of prisoners; SR1,600 from an anonymous donor; SR1,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Muhammad Al-Shabab; SR1,000 from Sheikh Ahmad Abdul Aziz Al-Ridh; SR1,000 from Abdul Aziz Al-Zahedi; SR750 from Abdul Rahman Faid Al-Maqari; and SR500 from Dr. Ahmad Faid.

## Kuwait water system work begins

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Aug. 4 — Hydranautics Water Systems reports work has begun on the installation of its 720,000-gpd reverse osmosis water system for the Kuwait oil Company with a target date for going on stream of January, 1981.

Shipped last year under contract to Canar Trading and Contracting Company of Kuwait, the RO system will be used to purify well water for an oil refinery project and pet-

rochemical plant at the Mina-Al-Ahmadi site. Hydranautics Water Systems is assisting in the installation.

According to officials at Canar Trading and Contracting Company, a determining factor in awarding the contract, valued at \$900,000, to Hydranautics Water Systems was the fact that the HWS system represented significant cost savings in life cycle costs through efficient use of high technology membranes and superior plant design.

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# Israeli elections 5 months earlier

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin was quoted Sunday as agreeing in principle to hold elections next spring, five months ahead of schedule, in which the primary issue would be the future of the occupied West Bank. Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich told reporters he had agreed with Begin "a few weeks ago" that the government had become too unstable to continue its full term. Begin, he said, mentioned the possibility of early elections at a morning cabinet meeting.

The dramatic political development came against a crisis background in the Palestinian autonomy talks.

"I am in favor of early elections," Ehrlich said. We should have early summer — spring elections, not autumn elections. Asked if Begin agreed, Ehrlich replied, yes, he expressed himself as such in the cabinet meeting.

Begin agreed, Ehrlich replied, "yes, he expressed himself as such in the cabinet meeting."

Begin told his ministers during Sunday's cabinet session that new elections could be held next June rather than November, the radio said.

The government's popularity in Israel has suffered severe setbacks, mainly due to economic policies which have resulted in an annual inflation rate of 120 per cent.

The radio report said Begin called on his supporters to start an early campaign rather than wait for a possible defeat in parliament on a motion of no confidence. An official spokesman declined comment on the radio report announcement. The issue would come up in debates held by several of the parties in the government coalition later this week.

Begin was reported as wanting to keep his government alive until at least next May to complete four years in office and claim a full term.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman resigned earlier this year. Criticism also has mounted over the government's foreign policy, particularly with regard to the Middle East peace process. The opposition Labor Party has led the campaign to advance the elections, encouraged by public opinion polls indicating

that it would easily win such a campaign.

Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich confirmed to reporters that consultations had been going on in the government about bringing the election forward. Asked whether Begin agreed that elections should be held next spring or early summer, Ehrlich said: "As agreed several weeks ago to go in that direction."

"I personally don't think that a government can depend on a mere parliamentary majority," he said.

## Exiled Iranians said planning coup d'etat

PARIS, Aug. 4 (AP) — A Paris-based Arab weekly claimed Sunday that some 2,500 exiled Iranian monarchists, with the help of 500 Egyptian soldiers and some 250 U.S. and Israeli advisors, were training commando units at a camp in Egypt.

According to the Cairo correspondent of "Al-Watan Al-Arabi", the units are being trained for an attempt to overthrow the present Iranian regime but would be available "for other operations" in the Middle East "if necessary."

## Ceausescu to attend inauguration of Jordan 2nd refinery

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (AP) — Romanian President Nicolai Ceausescu will begin a three-day state visit to Jordan Aug. 17, official Jordanian sources said here Monday.

He will attend the inauguration of Jordan's second oil refinery in Zarqa, 20 kilometers north of the capital, the sources said.

The \$280-million refinery was built by a Romanian consortium. It has a daily capacity of 7,500 tons, boosting the total of refined oil in Jordan to 12,000 tons per day, a rate enough to meet Jordan's local consumption until 1990, refinery director general Saad Tell said in a statement.

## Mideast briefs

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Another Iranian has been stoned to death in the town of Kerman, where four people suffered the same fate a month ago, the newspaper *Islamic Republic* reported Monday. He had been found guilty of homosexuality and the murder of an eight-year-old child, the newspaper said.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — The emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Ahmad Al Sabah, will visit five Asian countries in 11 days under a program published here Monday. He will be in Pakistan from Sept. 7 to 9, India from Sept. 9 to 11, Bangladesh from Sept. 11 to 13, Indonesia from Sept. 13 to 15 Malaysia and from Sept.

15 to 17, the daily "Al Anbaa" said.

VIENNA, (AFP) — King Hussein left Vienna Monday, following a three-day private visit to Austria.

BAGHDAD, (AFP) — French Foreign Trade Minister Jean-Francois Deniau left here Monday after a 48-hour visit to Iraq for talks on bilateral cooperation. Sources in Deniau's entourage, stressing that the visit was of an "almost routine" nature, said that the controversial Franco-Iraqi nuclear issue was only one of many problems discussed during the two days of talks.

## Jordan news agency to be called Petra

AMMAN, Aug. 4 (R) — The official Jordan News Agency has been renamed Petra under a cabinet decision. The director-general Youssef Abu Leil said Monday the new name Petra — the Jordan News Agency, would be used from Aug. 20.

The agency takes its name from the ancient Nabataean rose red city of Petra, southern Jordan.

## Thorn resumes Mideast fact-finding mission

LUXEMBOURG, Aug. 4 (R) — Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn, resuming his fact-finding mission to the Middle East on behalf of the European Common Market, left Monday for Beirut where he is expected to meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Thorn, current chairman of the EEC council of ministers, visited the headquarters of the Arab League in Tunis last week. He also went to Israel.

The aim of his tour, decided at the June EEC summit meeting in Venice, is to explore the role Western Europe could play in furthering a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

The Venice Middle East statement said that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) should be associated with any negotiation for such a comprehensive settlement.

Thorn's second week-long trip will also include talks with Lebanese, Syrian and Jordanian leaders.



Gaston Thorn

## Israeli officers connected with bribes, orgies

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4 (AFP) — Several high-ranking Israeli military officers are being investigated on charges of accepting bribes from leaders of organized crime here and participating in orgies, the Israeli press reported Monday. No names have been mentioned while the probe, handled by the Israeli chief of staff, is in progress. But an official military source said that one of the officers, a brigadier general, had been discharged.

The investigation, in process for several months now, was prompted by a letter from a soldier denouncing this officer's activities, the newspaper *Yedioth Aharonot* reported. The evidence included compromising photographs of several officers "in the company of young women of little virtue". The photos were taken during orgies organized in a hotel owned by a man often referred to as the head of organized crime in Israel, the newspaper added.

In the meantime, former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will soon go to Argentina to give a series of conferences for officers belonging to the military unit led by President Jorge Videla, the radio here announced Monday.

Younger members of Rabin's Labor Party have strongly criticized his plans to visit Argentina where, they said, there is a bloody military dictatorship, where the human rights are denied and where thousands of Argentine Jews have been imprisoned by the ruling Junta.

They called on Rabin to cancel his trip.

## 3 killed in central Turkey

ANKARA, Aug. 4 (AP) — Security forces found bullet-riddled corpses of three workers in Kayseri in central Turkey and political terrorists killed two brothers and an artisan elsewhere early Monday, police reported. The killings follow a fresh outburst of terrorist slayings across Turkey last week that left more than 100 dead.

Turkish Premier Suleyman Demirel met with martial law commanders and key cabinet members Sunday for eight hours in a

regular monthly review of domestic security.

The Istanbul daily "Gunaydin" reported that 1,652 people have been killed since Demirel's conservative minority government came to power nine months ago.

The victims included: civilians, policemen, night guards, soldiers, nine officers and two agents of the Turkish National Intelligence Organization (MIT).

Istanbul ranked the highest in the number of killings with 480 dead, *Gunaydin* reported.

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## Children ordered to line parade route

## Zimbabwe prepares for first state visit

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe Aug. 4 (AP) — This capital city's 800,000 inhabitants were being ordered to line streets and pack football stadiums for the arrival Monday of Marxist Mozambique President Samora Machel — the first official visit by any head of state to Zimbabwe since independence three months ago.

"Anyone who fails to turn up will be considered an enemy of the people," Housing Minister Eddison Zvobgo, in charge of arrangements for the five-day visit, said in an interview with the *Sunday Mail* newspaper. But leaders of the 200,000 white minority, which ruled Zimbabwe as Rhodesia for 90 years, have told white school children they don't have to take part.

Education Ministry directives ordering students out of classes into the streets to cheer Machel were "totally illegal and against the bill of rights," said Geoff Kluckow, chairman of the all-white Rhodesian Front party governed under Prime Minister Ian Smith. "The persons attending must be on a voluntary basis."

Many whites are opposed to the visit by Machel, an avowed Marxist who provided bases and backing in neighboring Mozambique for Zimbabwean guerrillas who fought to



President Samora Machel end white domination in Rhodesia. Nkomo's publicly secretary, Munetsi Nziramasanga, added fuel to objections over

the Machel visit by accusing the prime minister's ruling party of making political capital out of the visit before local government elections slated for October.

The arrangements were being carried out by the party and now by the government, he charged, although he urged Nkomo supporters to also join welcoming crowds in the uniforms of their party. "He has done a great deal for the liberation of this country and deserves a big welcome," Nziramasanga asserted.

Mugabe first met Machel in 1974, a year before Mozambique won independence from Portugal after a ten-year guerrilla war. The two soon became allies, and Machel committed his poverty-stricken territory totally to the war against the white-led mainly-black forces in Rhodesia — a conflict that cost Mozambique dearly in cross-border raids that destroyed bridges, railroads, highways and strategic installations.

Machel's plane will touch down a few hundred yards from where Rhodesian warplanes took off on their raids against Mozambique in the war, killing thousands of guerrillas and civilians and crippling that country's threadbare economy.

## Corrupt officials diverted aid

## Drought, gangs doom Ugandan tribe

KOTIDO, UGANDA, Aug. 4 (AP) — A rain and foreign aid are turning the tide of death in Karamoja — but too late for tens of thousands of famine victims and perhaps too late for the survival as a tribe of 400,000 Karamojong.

Truck and plane-loads totaling 4,500 tons of emergency food from Western donors have — at least temporarily — reduced the death rate in this undeveloped northeastern region. At the famine's height this year, an estimated 100 to 500 Karamojong were dying daily, at a rate 10 times the normal death rate in Uganda.

Although Karamoja's problems are small in scale compared with food shortages elsewhere in Africa, three years of drought and a year of gun rule by robber gangs had created what some visitors believed was the continent's most acute example of mass starvation.

Most of the tribe, neglected for years by the Ugandan government, is now receiving minimum food rations, foreign aid officials said in interviews during the past two weeks. The aid, delayed by transport problems and

corrupt Ugandan officials who diverted relief supplies to the black market, started to arrive in significant amounts in May, weeks after large numbers of Karamojong began to die. "We have been able to stop the erosion of the situation," said Francesco Strippoli, head of the World Food Program in Uganda, at his office in Kampala, the capital.

The Karamojong are harvesting their first grain crops following heavy rain in April. Fields are green, cattle are fat and water still flows along sandy stream beds.

But the picture of rural plenty is deceptive. Tens of thousands of cattle, the main wealth of the semi-nomadic tribe, died in the drought or were taken by the gangs that have controlled Karamoja since dictator Idi Amin was overthrown 15 months ago. Planting was restricted by hunger-induced apathy, and by fear that maize and sorghum would be stolen once it ripened.

At the Kanawet Roman Catholic mission near the Kotido trading center, the Reverend Peter Premarini led a visitor through a waist-high field of sorghum. The rust-colored

grain heads waved in a breeze as Premarini, a middle-aged American, mused on the future for the Karamojong.

"The food being delivered is only an emergency program but, for the people here, it has become a way of life," he said. "Some people have not planted enough, and they still count on outside aid."

"A few years ago, people cultivated groundnuts. Then the seed stopped coming. Now they don't cultivate the nuts. They don't even remember how to."

Catholic brother Luis Crotti worries that the famine has destroyed tribal values, including sharing and respect for the elderly. "It seems that the whole structure of the clans is going to be destroyed, and that will cause much more trouble in the future," Crotti said.

"Much of the life here is based on tradition. No one was allowed even to eat, if they did not obey their elders. Now, someone gets a gun, goes off on his own, robs and raids, and respect is destroyed. Without structure, the people are lost."

## South flank needs reinforcing

## Greece may rejoin NATO by November

ATHENS, Aug. 4 (AFP) — An agreement could be worked out on Greece's return to the unified military command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) before November's U.S. elections, both Greek and American sources report here.

Since the alliance's last summit at the end of June in Ankara, efforts have been stepped

up to persuade Turkey to drop the veto it has used to block Greek re-entry for the past few years. Greece withdrew from the unified command in 1974, in protest at NATO's refusal to intervene and end the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

A highly reliable source said recently that virtually all the NATO allies, led by the

United States, feel that it has become urgent to reinforce the alliance's soft belly to the southwest.

Concern is mounting throughout Western capitals at the current wave of destabilization in Turkey, while Washington is anxious not to compromise the status of its naval bases in Greece by further procrastination. The White House reportedly also wants to avoid the NATO issue being taken up in Greece's next general elections, expected to be held in the spring.

The two main contenders, Prime Minister George Rallis' radical-liberal New Democracy party and Andreas Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok), could well use the alliance as a campaign tool, with NATO ending up the main loser.

The Socialist opposition leader has come out firmly for American departure from the bases, though conceding the withdrawal would be "with all honor." But some informed military circles believe Papandreu is mainly putting on a public front and could drop this intransigence if elected. He was already mentioned a "Rumanian Formula" which would work out "more or less independent relations" between Greece and the Atlantic alliance.

It is rumored in the same circles that the Pasok leadership favors a mixed agreement, with the United States evacuating their two bases on the Greek mainland but keeping up their naval bases on the southern island of Crete.

Observers have baptized this the "Cuban solution", an allusion to the contradictory presence of an American naval base at Guantanamo, on the pro-Soviet island.

Soviet military outlays predicted in CIA report

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (AFP) — The Soviet Union could allot 15 per cent of its gross national product to military uses by 1985, a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) report on the Soviet economy has predicted. The report, published here Sunday, said that though the Soviet economy had slowed sharply in 1978-79, the military sector did not appear to have been affected. It added that Moscow is currently perfecting three new fighter jets, a new version of the Tupolev 26 Backfire bomber and a new tank.

The CIA study said the Soviet navy was concentrating on its new Alpha class high-speed submarines.

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## Expos beat Braves, two up on Pirates

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (AP) — Ellis Valentine drove in three runs with a homer and a double Sunday as the Montreal Expos ended their winning streak to six games, beating Atlanta 6-5 and widening their National League East lead to two games over Pittsburgh.

The Expos struck for three runs in the fifth inning against Larry McWilliams. Winner Willie Lee tripped for his first major league hit, and two outs later, Andre Dawson doubled, then Valentine doubled Dawson home and Warren Cromartie hit an RBI single. Valentine homered in the third inning. Brian Selstine drove in three runs for the Braves with a third-inning double and a ninth-inning triple.

In the NL West, Houston regained first place by one-half game over Los Angeles. Cesar Cedeno's eighth homer of the season broke a 10th-inning tie and gave the Astros a 2-1 victory over New York.

In a doubleheader, Ozzie Smith tripled, singled and set up a run with a stolen base as San Diego beat Pittsburgh 5-2 in their opener. Then Bill Fahey singled home the winning run and pitcher Don Robinson walked in the winning run as the Padres defeated the Pirates 4-1 and stretched their winning streak to eight games.

Keith Hernandez slugged a two-run homer and Silvio Martinez scattered seven hits as St. Louis defeated Los Angeles 4-1. Rookie Ronnie Simons stole three bases and scored

three runs as Philadelphia rode a six-run fifth inning to an 8-4 victory over Cincinnati.

In another twinbill, Mike Krukow pitched a three-hitter and hit a two-run single in the first game, then Jerry Martin hit a two-run single in the second game as Chicago beat San Francisco twice by 3-2 scores.

In the American League, Dick Davis doubled home the go-ahead run in the fourth inning as Milwaukee defeated New York 2-0.

Wayne Nordhagen hit two homers, one of them breaking a sixth-inning tie and giving Chicago a 5-3 triumph over Kansas City. Lou Whitaker drove in a pair of runs to back the combined six-hit pitching of Roger Weaver, Dave Rozema and Aurelio Lopez as Detroit beat Seattle 4-3 and handed the Mariners their ninth straight loss.

Eddie Murray had three hits, including a two-run homer, and drove in four runs to lead Baltimore to a 7-2 victory over Minnesota. Damaso Garcia drove in two runs with a two-out double in the sixth inning, pacing Toronto to a 3-1 victory over California. Glenn Hoffman's two-run homer and two-run single carried Boston past Texas 6-4 in a night game.

In an AL doubleheader, Dave Revering hit two homers and Matt Keough, Bob Lacey and Jeff Jones spaced nine hits as Oakland beat Cleveland 11-3, but the Indians won the second game 4-2 behind Len Barker's five-hitter and Joe Charboneau's decisive sixth-inning double.

### Baseball Standings

National League East				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Montreal	57	47	.544	—
Philadelphia	54	47	.535	3
New York	50	50	.500	6½
Los Angeles	46	57	.447	12
Chicago	42	58	.420	14½

West				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	57	46	.553	—
Los Angeles	54	51	.514	4
San Francisco	51	54	.486	7
San Diego	47	58	.452	10½
Los Angeles	46	58	.447	11

Sunday's Games				
Montreal 6, Atlanta 5	Los Angeles 4, Cincinnati 4	Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 4	San Diego 5-4, Pittsburgh 2-1	Union 3, New York 2, 10 innings
Los Angeles 3-3, San Francisco 2-2	Los Angeles 4-1, Los Angeles 1			

American League East				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	65	38	.631	—
Baltimore	58	44	.569	6½
Detroit	56	44	.560	7½
Milwaukee	55	48	.534	10
Boston	52	50	.510	12½
Cleveland	50	49	.505	13
Toronto	45	56	.456	19

West				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Kansas City	64	40	.615	—
Oakland	53	53	.500	12
Texas	50	53	.485	15½
Minnesota	47	57	.452	17
Chicago	46	57	.447	17½
Seattle	39	65	.375	25
California	38	64	.373	25

Sunday's Games				
Detroit 4, Seattle 3	Toronto 3, California 1	Baltimore 7, Minnesota 3	Oakland 11-5, Cleveland 3-4	Chicago 5, Kansas City 3
Milwaukee 2, New York 0	Boston 6, Texas 4			

## Unser slips by Mears in auto race

WATKINS GLEN, N. Y., Aug. 4 (AP) — Bobby Unser nosed out Penske teammate Rick Mears to win the Kent Oil 150 auto race for Indianapolis-type cars here Sunday. Mears, riding four laps from the finish, ducked into

the pits for 10½ seconds to take on fuel and surrendered the lead he had held since lap 28. But the 1979 Indy winner made a desperate bid to overtake Unser when he got back on the track, failing by a little more than a car length.



REPRIEVE: Sebastian Coe, British middle distance runner, had a second chance in Moscow. Others simply didn't.

## Clerc's 6-3, 6-2 upends McEnroe

SOUTH ORANGE, New Jersey, Aug. 4 (AP) — Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina scored a stunning 6-3, 6-2 upset victory over No. 1 seed John McEnroe Sunday in the final of the \$75,000 Grand Prix tournament at Orange Lawn Tennis Club.

McEnroe started out well by breaking Clerc's serve in the first game and then holding his own for a 2-0 lead. But Clerc took control with a blistering serve plus numerous unforced errors by McEnroe.

Clerc won the final three games of the first set and the first two of the second with the loss of only three points. McEnroe was unable to apply any pressure on his South American opponent, who now holds a 3-2 lead in their personal series.

McEnroe appeared tired from his long day Saturday when his singles semifinal against David Carter of Australia lasted five hours and 15 minutes because of three rain delays. He then played a night semifinals doubles match. Clerc, who did not lose a set this week in five matches, won \$15,000.

## Tewell, Young take golf titles

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4 (AP) — Doug Tewell, who wanted to quit tournament golf last year, rallied to win his second event of the season Sunday as he took the \$250,000 Philadelphia Golf Classic with a 12-under-par 272.

Tewell won by 1 stroke over veteran Tom Nite, who fell short despite a birdie on the 18th hole. In Wheeling, W.V., Canadian-born Sandra Post, ending a 1980 victory drought, capped a remarkable rally Sunday by sinking a 30-foot shot on the third playoff hole to defeat Donna Caponi Young for the championship of the \$100,000 West Virginia LPGA Classic.

## For some Olympic athletes ... Just finding the stadium a challenge

MOSCOW, Aug. (AP) — While athletes like Poland's Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz pole-vaulted higher than man had gone before and others raced first to the finish line, others barely got off the ground or away from the starting line at the Olympic Games.

Take Thipsamay Chantaphone of Laos who finished the 20 kms. walk more than an hour behind the rest of the field.

But that was the least of his worries: Chantaphone got lost on the way. When he finally reached the Olympic stadium for the last lap, he stopped 100 meters from the finish line, disgusted and wanting to drop out of the race.

But he went on to finish ... and kept on going. He thought he had another lap to walk. Kuwaiti athletes had their problems: They lost 0-34 in handball to Romania and 0-16 to the French Epee Fencers.

While competition may be hard for these inexperienced athletes, often from very small or very new countries, they profit from Olympic competition. In the case of the Kuwaitis, for instance, competition here led them to break many of their national track records. The Seychelles 4X100 meters relay team performed more than honorably. They ran well just one hour after taking part in heats for another race.

Not everybody was lucky enough to have a second chance, like Sebastian Coe. The Briton recovered from missing up the 800 meters to win the 1,500 meter — the blue ribbon of track.

Webby Mwango left his home in Kitwe, Zambia, two months ago to come here. The boxer took part for nine minutes, long enough to lose his first round in points.

"I lost to a Pole — a guy called Nickki, or something. I was robbed. I went out and beat him and the judges got it all wrong," said the 18-year-old Zambian student.

Most boxers find it difficult to accept defeat. Mwango's performance did him no discredit, however, as his opponent happened to be the European champion, Henryk Sednicki of Poland.

Fellow countryman Blackson Simuoko, a 24-year-old electrical welder from Chingala, suffered the same fate, losing to Britain's George Gilbody in the lightweight division. "I think these judges favor the Europeans," said Simuoko, who was Central and East African championship bronze medalist last year.

Even the heroes have clay feet. Cuba's Alberto Juantorena, the "golden horse" of Montreal where he won gold medals at 400 meters and 800 meters could manage only fourth place in the 400 meters here. An Achilles tendon operation in March had left him with little time to prepare for these games.

"I can't really complain. I'll have a rest and next year get ready for the World Cup," he said. Juantorena left Montreal on top of the world. How did he feel to be leaving Moscow

after losing.

"That's life," he said with a shrug. Mexico's flying postman Daniel Bautista, world record holder and Olympic race walking champion, was full of morose. He had been disqualified in the 20 kms. walk here for "lifting" and abandoned during the 50 kms. race when he felt the judges were unfairly pressuring him with cautions.

"I'll never do another sport that involves judges," he said. Bautista, 28 Monday, was flying back to Mexico full of regret. "I didn't want to end my career like that," he said.

The tiny Nepal delegation had been happy to compete and were sad to be leaving behind newly-made friends. Nar Bahadur Dahal, 13th and last in his 10,000 meter heat, Baikuntha Manandhar, 36 in the marathon, and Mukunda Hari Shrestha, 45 in the marathon, came without much hope of winning anything but their self-respect.

"And we go home pleased with ourselves,"

said Nepal's deputy chief of the mission Dambhar Bahadur Khadga. "But we're sad to be going. We made a lot of friends and our boys did as well as could be expected. These are the Olympics and we enjoyed being here," he said.

One man with every reason for being pleased was Baskaran Vasudhan, captain of the victorious Indian hockey side.

"We came here with the nucleus of a side and forged a real team," said the 28-year-old senior welfare inspector from Madras.

"We hope to prove what we're really worth in the champions cup at Karachi in January," he said, when they join teams from Pakistan, Holland, and West Germany.

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## Begin's 'great day'

By Arthur Max

TEL AVIV — One day last month, Prime Minister Menahem Begin visited his new office under construction in Arab East Jerusalem and commented to a friend about moving day: "This will be a great day in my life. It will be historic."

Few of Begin's actions in three years of office better display his character than his controversial decision to move into the annexed part of the city. Critics call him stubborn, inflexible and insensitive. Admirers say he is far-sighted and resolute on matters that count.

As international and domestic criticism mounted, aides say Begin became more determined to carry through his moving plan. "The more you press him, the straighter he stands," says one aide.

The United States reportedly hinted its ambassador would not call on Begin in East Jerusalem, which it says is occupied territory. Egypt protested the plan. And Britain's foreign secretary cautioned Begin he was making "a big mistake." "Isn't this insolence? That they should tell us where the prime minister's office will be?" Begin was quoted as telling one friend. "Would anyone tell the president of the United States or the prime minister of Britain where their offices should be?"

According to Israeli columnist Yosef Harif, Begin's decision to move from a government complex in west Jerusalem was triggered by U.S. President Jimmy Carter's statement last year that the United States did not recognize unilateral changes in Jerusalem's status.

Few Israelis dispute Israel's claim to absolute sovereignty over all of Jerusalem, but many do not agree with Begin's plan. Moshe Dayan, Begin's foreign minister until he quit over another policy dispute, says he advised Begin against the move.

"This is superfluous," said Dayan. He said it would only anger the United States and make negotiations with Egypt more difficult on Palestinian self-rule in Israeli-occupied territories.

Editorial opinion has been generally negative. *Demar*, an opposition newspaper, called the move "empty exhibition," while the independent *Harets* termed it "Begin's provocation."

Both Egypt and the United States believe Jerusalem's 100,000 Palestinians should be entitled to vote for a self-governing body in the occupied West Bank of Jordan. Begin flatly says no.

Israel quietly lightened its hold on east Jerusalem by building Jewish suburbs on occupied land that now house 63,000 people. The United Nations condemned the destruction of Jerusalem's Arab character. But it was only after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat raised the Jerusalem question last year that Israel felt pressured.

"There is something driving Begin about Jerusalem, call it national pride," said an aide who could not be named. "No one tells us what we can do in our own house."

Begin disagrees that the move will jeopardize the

talks with Egypt or relations with other countries. "If ambassadors don't want to see Begin in East Jerusalem they don't have to the telephone system is very good," the aide said.

Few remember the uproar Israel faced when it transferred the foreign ministry from Tel Aviv to west Jerusalem in 1950, the aide noted. "This storm, too, will pass. Then what will be left?"

Although there is no legal need, Begin plans to seek his cabinet's approval before he moves. Opposition will not deter him, said the aide.

David Ben-Gurion declared Israel's creation in 1948 on the strength of a 6-4 cabinet vote, he recalled.

Begin will likely win sweeping support. He first told his cabinet the plan over a year ago, but only Dayan of the 17 ministers objected.

Looking for an appropriate site, his aides considered buying one Arab hotel, then another. The deals collapsed the Palestinian owners rejected. The former Saudi Arabian consulate in Arab Jerusalem, now an Israeli archive building, also was investigated and rejected.

Three months ago it was decided to take a wing in a new government complex under construction in the Sheikh Jarrah quarter. The locale was not ideal, but Begin was in a hurry. "Begin wants to establish a political fact that will be hard to erase by his successor," wrote columnist Yosef Harif of the *Maariv* newspaper.

It will be hard for any future prime minister to transfer the bureau back to west Jerusalem without it looking like a surrender to Arab rights, he said. (AP)

## Targets of 'revenge'

By Steve K. Hindy

BEIRUT — Their somewhat obscure goal is to regain a homeland that last existed as a sovereign state 605 years ago. Their methods are all too familiar: bombings and assassinations.

They are not the landless Palestinians or Kurds of the Middle East, the Basques of Spain, the Eritreans of Ethiopia or the Croats of Yugoslavia.

They are extremist Armenians, and they are using the tools of modern terrorism in a bid to build a state on the roughly 100,000 square miles (260,000 square kilometers) of eastern Turkey and the Soviet Union that once were the kingdom of Armenia.

Four groups are known: the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia, the Armenian Liberation Organization, the New Armenian Resistance and the Justice Commandos of the Armenian Genocide.

In the past five and a half years, these four have claimed responsibility for more than 130 bombings and assassinations in Austria, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, The Netherlands, Italy, Lebanon, Spain, Switzerland and West Germany.

On Thursday, the Secret Army claimed responsibility for the assassination of a Turkish diplomat and the wounding of another and two children in Athens, Greece. The group played a tape-recorded message to the Associated Press office in Athens.

The targets of Armenian terror groups are most frequently Turkish, often targets to revenge the alleged Turkish annihilation of some 1.5 million Armenians.

## Ganging up on premier

By Dermot Meevey

DUBLIN — A ganging-up by extremists against Irish Premier Charles Haughey is regarded in Dublin as certain after his failure last week to remove Sean Donlon, the Irish Ambassador in Washington.

The removal of Donlon — "upstairs" to a U.N. diplomatic post — was orchestrated by militant Republicans who found the ambassador a stumbling block in their efforts to win American support over Northern Ireland.

Neil Blaney, Euro-M.P. Independent Republican, Donegal M.P. and co-defendant with Haughey in the 1970 arms trial in which both were acquitted of conspiracy to import arms for the Provisionals, had threatened to huff off ultra-Republican support from Haughey into a new party unless Donlon were ousted.

After the debacle Blaney is now set to go ahead. He has the backing of a sizeable group who are not mollified by the promises of further talks between Haughey and Britain's Premier, Margaret Thatcher, on the future of Northern Ireland. They want action now.

It is a move that means a lessening of Haughey's hold in Fianna Fail. It was to the party militants that he owed his success in the leadership election over the more moderate George Colley.

The sacrifice of Donlon, who has publicly denounced pro-IRA activities, especially the collection of money for arms in the U.S. was part of Haughey's strategy to appease the militants. It misfired because as soon as the news was leaked it aroused strong opposition in influential Irish-American circles.

Haughey says the shifting of the ambassador was never intended, but no one in Dublin, not even members of the Premier's own party, believes this. The loss of face by Haughey is a serious blow to his prestige, already shaken by his refusal to reply to an attack on him in recent issues of the magazine *Magill*.

Haughey's refusal to comment on the articles, coupled with his leave-it-to-history-to-judge attitude, has lost him supporters in the middle ground. Blaney has now taken away the ultras and with the economic clouds darkening — an autumn Budget with more taxes is threatened — the outlook for Haughey is bleak. (OFNS)

## PLO AND THE IMF

The story of the present row over the stand against the PLO taken by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund goes back to about a year ago, when at the Belgrade meeting, the Council of the IMF had to look into a PLO's quest for an observer-status to the meetings of these two international institutions.

The request was placed before a committee. And this split four votes each way for and against. The committee's head then cast his vote, as he was entitled to, for the motion — and the PLO was duly invited to attend as an observer.

The presidency of the WB & the IMF did not like this result. So it called for an emergency board of directors' meeting in which it changed some of the regulations covering such cases, and decided to restrict invitations to those who attended last year's meeting which means that the PLO was left out in the cold.

The significant aspect in the affair, so far as the Arab countries contributing to the two institutions are concerned, was the speed with which the industrialised powers dominating the WB & the IMF could intervene to impose their will on the rest. If trust was the essence of all banking activity the industrialised countries' action showed that they can be trusted only to look after their own interests and impose their way.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait were quick to retaliate by freezing some loans which were being negotiated with the institutions. It is understood that the United Arab Emirates will do the same. Those countries found it necessary to stress to their industrial partners that they too must have a share in the running of these institutions, since they are already shouldering a considerable portion of their financial burden.

The incident raises a more fundamental point. Which is that the countries of the Third World ought to establish their own institutions to finance their development rather than depend on the present ones, which are essentially designed to serve the interests of the advanced countries.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

*Al-Jazirah* and *Al-Bilad* Monday led with intensive consultations at the U.N. Security Council on the convening of an emergency session to discuss Palestine. *Al-Nadwa* and *Al-Madina* played as their story Israel's contention that its participation in the autonomy talks means showing courtesy to President Carter and President Sadat and it does not bother about the Egyptian stance. In a lead story, *Al-Riyadh* quoted Bechir Gemayel, Phalangist leader, as saying he has a plan to "liberate" Lebanon, which may be implemented any time now.

Newspaper editorials still continued to comment on the Zionist crimes inside the occupied territory and their desecration of the sacred shrines. They also dealt with the Middle East problem in the light of the U.N. General Assembly's recent debate on Palestine as well as Israel's keenness to throw overboard any resolution issued by the world body. *Al-Riyadh* said the Europe's abstention in the General Assembly vote raises a question mark on the future of European initiative and the Euro-Arab relations. It added that the abstention gave the impression that Europe preferred to stay in proximity with the U.S. erroneous concept of the solution to the problem. It should be particularly noted that Europe adopted such an attitude at the General Assembly at a time when European emissary was visiting the states of the area to gather information and reactions to the European initiative, the paper said. It added that the new European stance on the Middle East could be considered a new game or a maneuver against the Arab position.

Considering the circumstances now prevailing in the Middle East, *Okaz* said the atmosphere is quite ripe for an international step against the Israeli attitude, since it has now become an established fact that Israel is set to jeopardize any Arab or international efforts to bring a just and comprehensive peace to the region. The paper urged the Arab and Islamic states to move close to the positive stances of the world community, no matter if they have to do so outside the domain of the U.N. whose Security Council is not able to make any free move. It described the recent Israeli decision on Jerusalem as an opportunity for the European bloc to give up its weak and duplicate stance on the situation in the Middle East. The paper felt convinced that the Security Council's meetings would go into the wilderness if the Arab and Islamic did not take a strong position.

In an editorial, *Al-Nadwa* condemned the Israeli resolve to annex Jerusalem, saying it is an open challenge that unmasks the Zionist nature and its insistence to blow up any attempt to convince it of its criminal policy. The paper wondered if there was any justification to hold on to the Camp David accords which have only benefitted the enemy, and urged the Arabs and Muslims to realize it was an apt time for them to achieve total solidarity to give force to their stance.

*Al-Nadwa* sent out a warning that the real danger from the Zionists lies in their attempts to Judaize

the syllabus and method of education inside the occupied territory. Israel has embarked on the Judaization of all educational programs at all levels of education, in an attempt to isolate the Arabs from their history, culture, faith, heritage and traditions, the paper said. It condemned the Israeli decision on the annexation of Jerusalem and urged the Arab and Islamic nations to exploit to their favor the stances of the countries of the world against Israel and the Zionist organizations.

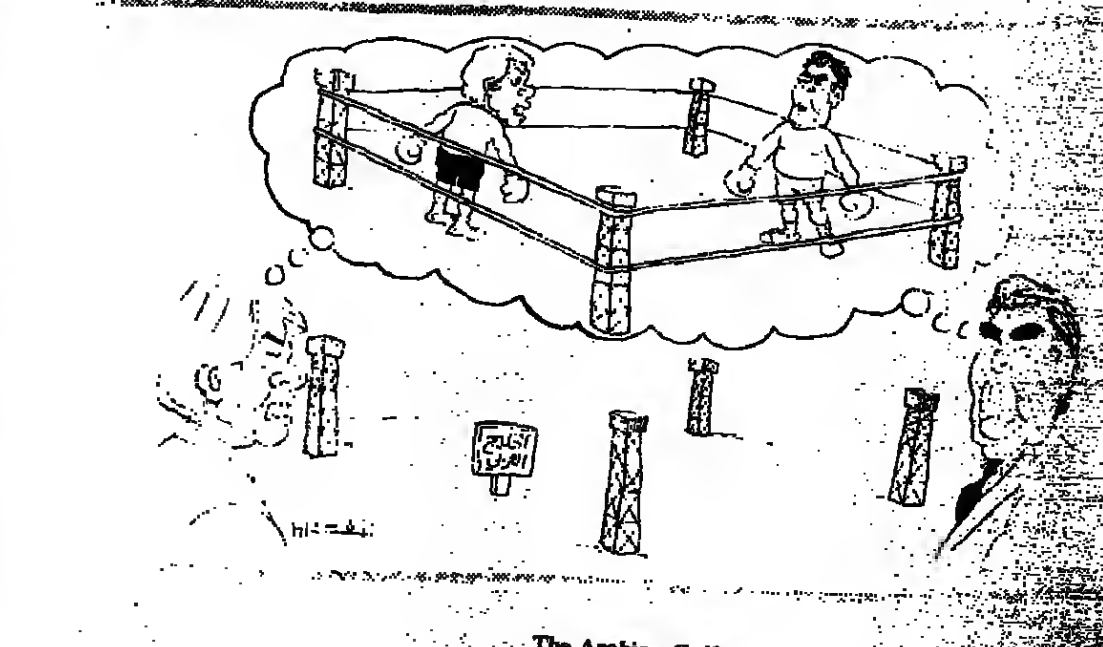
Commenting on the statement of the Israeli interior minister on the so-called autonomy talks, *Al-Madina* said it has further exposed Israel's real designs on the Arabs. The difference between the Israeli and Egyptian views on the autonomy is not as strange as Egypt's patience over the Israeli intransigent attitude for the past three years, the paper said. It hoped the Egyptian officials would now feel convinced that the comedy of negotiations and the normalization of relations with the enemy cannot last much longer.

*Al-Jazirah* noted that the world would have witnessed the third strongest military and economic force in the Arab and Islamic world if it was not torn by mutual rift and differences. A powerful Arab and Islamic world would have maintained a perpetual balance with the Western and Eastern powers and would also have given a real support to the causes of right, justice, peace and security in the world.

On the other hand, *Al-Yom* dealt with the Gulf

cooperation and Saudi Arabia's support for its neighbors in the Gulf. The paper noted that Saudi Arabia and other neighborly and brotherly states were aware of the fact that economic development

must be so moulded as to serve the human society. The Kingdom continues to assist its Gulf neighbors owing to its keenness to see them flourish and prosper in the future, the paper added.



The Arabian Gulf



# Ancient flowering plants changed life on earth

By Thomas Harney

WASHINGTON, (Special) — The ancient leaf fell from a shrub along the shoreline 110 to 120 million years ago, sank into the mud, slowly dried and with the passage of time left its imprint in the rock as a fossil. Deeply buried, it probably would never have come to light had it not been found at a construction site near Baltimore, Md., by the Smithsonian Institution's Dr. Leo Hickey.

The small leaf, oddly shaped with disorganized vein patterns, came from a new group of seed plants that appeared on land about 130 million years ago. In doing so, they profoundly altered the course of life on earth.

"The development of flowering plants created a revolution that opened up vast new resources of food and ways of life for animals," Hickey says. "The ascendancy of the flowering plants may have paved the way for the replacement of the dinosaurs by mammals 50 million years later."

"Today, almost all the plants we see and eat are flowering plants. Yet their origins are still not clearly understood. Charles Darwin, the great evolutionist, called their emergence 'an abominable mystery.'"

Hickey, a palaeobiologist at the National Museum of Natural History, is probing this mystery. He does not have to go far to find the clues for his study. The Smithsonian museums on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. are built virtually on top of the world's most accessible fossil deposit of these earliest flowering plants — the Potomac Formation.

One hundred and thirty million years ago, the earth's land masses were combined into two supercontinents separated by a seaway along the equator. The earliest known flowering plants grew on



ANCIENT: Fossil leaf imprints, like this ancient sassafras leaf, provide scientists with clues about what the earth was like millions of years ago.

either side of this seaway, gradually spreading from there.

The Potomac Formation was deposited on the coast of one of the northern continents as the Atlantic Ocean opened up. It forms an outcrop — a rock formation exposed at the surface of the ground — in a 15-mile-wide belt from Wilmington, Del., to Richmond, Va.

So, while colleagues pack gear for fossil-hunting expeditions to remote and exotic areas of the world, Hickey throws his pick and shovel into his car and drives out into Maryland or Virginia to a fossil locale like Dutch Gap, Va.

"Dutch Gap is a marvelous place to collect," Hickey says. "The Union Army cut a canal there during the Civil War to reach Richmond and exposed a rich bed of fossil plants. The heat and the Confederate snipers probably kept the Union soldiers from realizing they had stumbled on a treasure chest of fossil plants."

Fruits and flowers of the earliest flowering plants are seldom found, Hickey explains. "Most of what we know about them comes from their leaf imprints in the mud or sand in which they were buried and from their pollen." Only the soft tissue of the leaves left fossil records — an imprint of the complex carbon compounds.

When the mud or sand, under pressure, hardened into rock, the imprint of the leaf and dark film of carbon remained as a permanent fossil record. It is for these fossils that Hickey searches as a cobbler rock out of the Potomac Formation outcrop.

Back at the Museum, Hickey photographs the leaf imprint under a microscope. High-contrast photographs often show fine detail better than the fossil imprint itself. When Hickey began analyzing thousands of Potomac Formation fossil leaves in the Smithsonian's collection, "there was no accurate system to tell one early leaf from another," he says. "People just made superficial comparisons of ancient leaves with modern ones and guessed about the identities of the leaves."

"Paleontologists in the 19th century tried to identify plants from their leaves, but they did a poor job, making wildly incorrect identifications," he says. "The resulting misidentifications retarded the study of flowering plant evolution for 80 years."

Despite these earlier failures, Hickey believed that a systematic approach to fossil leaves could succeed. One of the things that encouraged me," he says, "was that drug companies had developed methods to recognize certain species of contemporary plants from the vein patterns of small leaf fragments. It seemed to me that, if the drug companies could do it with modern leaves, I could do it with fossil leaves."

And succeed he did. Hickey has developed a classification system that, for the first time, makes it possible to decipher the history and development of the earliest flowering plants. The system is based on his discovery that each species has a slightly different vein pattern — a sort of fingerprint of the leaf's identity.

What his system reveals about the earliest history of flowering plants can be seen in a new exhibit hall in the Museum of Natural History, "The Conquest of Land," which traces the emergence and spread of land plants and animals.

Specimens of many of the earliest Potomac Formation plants in the lineage developed by Hickey are on view. Also



SCIENTIST: Dr. Leo J. Hickey, of the Smithsonian Museum, studies ancient flowering plants that opened up new resources of food for animals, changing life on earth.

displayed are fossils from the Dakota Formation, which extends from Montana and Colorado to Minnesota and Kansas and contains a rich assortment of plant remains. Some became extinct while others survived by evolving into new forms that were the forerunners of modern plants. All of the earliest plants had irregular vein patterns — a characteristic that Hickey believes reflects a less sophisticated growth mechanism.

By about 100 million years ago, the leaves found in the Potomac Formation had developed more regular vein patterns, an advance that reinforced the leaf against the stresses of wind and rain and protected it from tearing.

Fossil leaves found from this period by Hickey are better preserved because they were stronger and better able to withstand the stresses of decay and transport before fossilization.



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Rodney Dangerfield

## 'Mr. No Respect' popular

By Dale Pollock

HOLLYWOOD (LAT) — For the first time in his 58 years, Rodney Dangerfield may be getting too much respect.

The goggle-eyed, clammy-faced comedian is starring in his first major film, *Caddyshack*. His new comedy album, titled *No Respect*, is outselling his previous records 14-1.

Not to mention laudatory articles in *Time* magazine, *Rolling Stone* and the *New Yorker*. Why is Rodney Dangerfield, a man who had to abandon an earlier performing career as a comedian named Jack Roy, suddenly so hot?

"I don't know," said Mr. No Respect in a recent interview. "Maybe I'm funny. I was an ugly kid. My mother had murning sickness after I was born."

The secret to Dangerfield's success, if there is one, seems to be that he sums up the attitude of an entire nation. After Iran, Afghanistan, Vietnam and Nixon, America itself worries that it doesn't get much respect.

"My image is, you pay your dues and it still doesn't help," said Dangerfield, who declined to view himself as a comedic Everyman. "I'm doing a character whose name is 'Nothing Goes Right.' There are guys like me all over."

The story of Dangerfield's career lives up to his modus operandi as a funnyman. He started working "joints," or nightclubs, when he was 15 and growing up on New York's Long Island. But as Jack Roy he didn't have much success, and after he married singer Joyce Indig he opted for domesticity.

Dangerfield and Indig divorced several years ago, but the spouse jokes continue unabated. Like Dr. Vinnie Boombatz, Dangerfield's legendary physician, the wife in his material is fictional. "So are the girls," the comic added, referring to his one-liners about young women from whom he gets, you

guessed it, no respect.

After his domestic troubles ceased, Dangerfield decided to go back on the road. He had always written his own material. "I found the stuff I wrote fit just me." He began to hone the rough edges of his character.

It's not easy starting over in show business. With thinly disguised hostility, Dangerfield discussed how easy it is for established stars "to put you down, make you pay your dues all over again, this time from the gutter up."

Booked at a New York club, the 40-year-old newcomer asked the owner to dream up a new name for him. "I was afraid if he put Jack Roy in the papers, I would make a fool of myself in front of my friends. So he thought up Rodney Dangerfield. I decided I was depressed enough to keep the name. What a handicap."

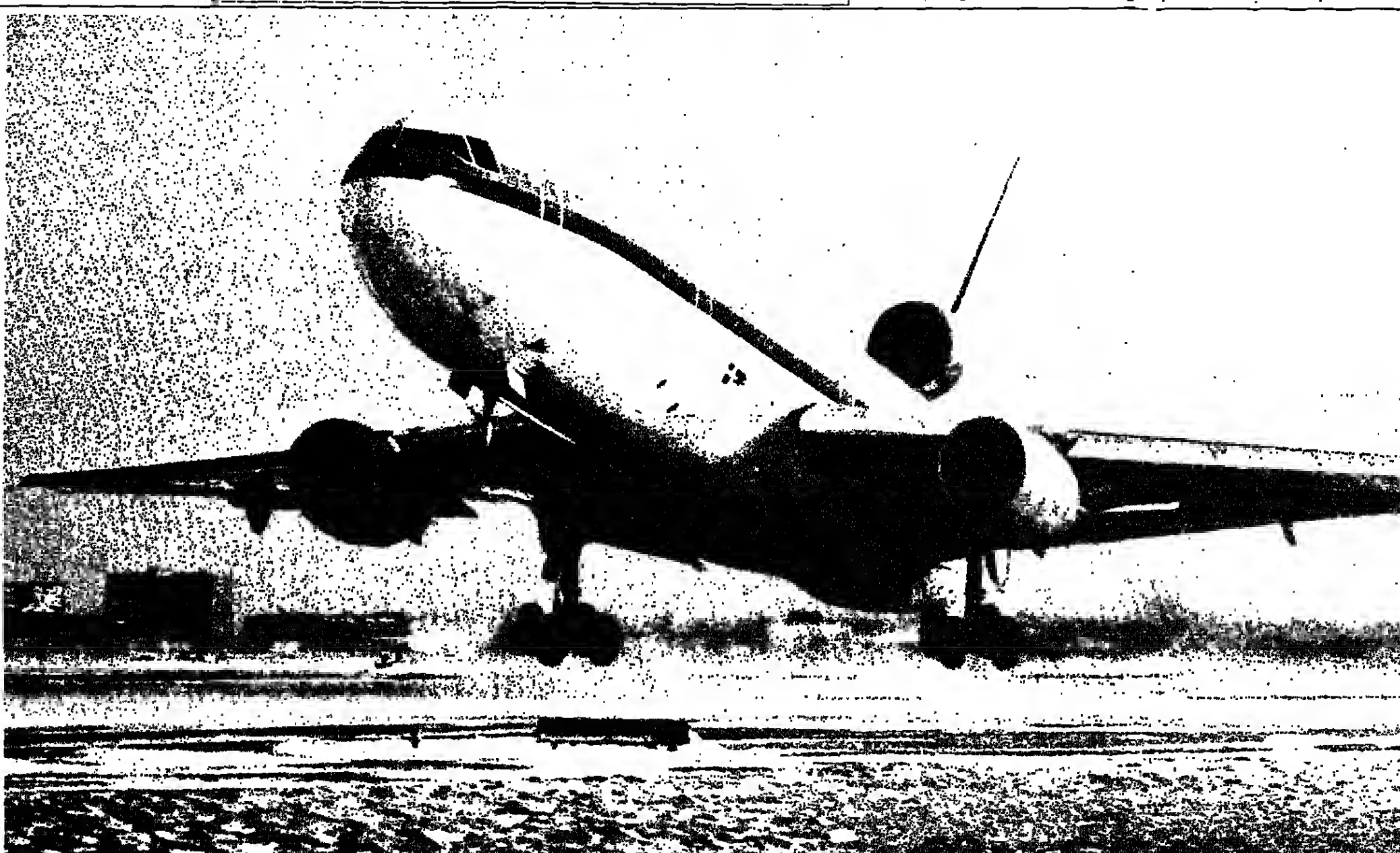
"Last week I was in rough shape. I bought a water bed. There were two Cuban guys swimming in it, looking for Florida."

Breaking in again on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, the new Rodney Dangerfield was launched. More appearances led to *tonight show* bookings. He recently did his 64th *tonight show* with Johnny Carson, whom he calls the best straight man in the business.

"I was a kid before," Dangerfield said of his resurgence. "When I came back, I had audience contact. No fear any more — I was an adult."

For an adult, Dangerfield attracts an exuberantly loyal following of young people. They scream his name, buy his no respect red ties and overflow his nightclub engagements. The laughter is so intense that sometimes Dangerfield loses track of his own material.

"You can sacrifice continuity for an attitude. You can go from one subject to another with the character as the continuity," he explained.

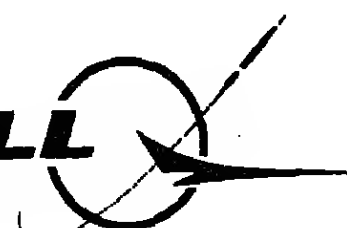


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## Lloyds hit by \$300m ship claim

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, Aug. 4 (AP) — Lloyd's of London may have to pay \$300 million, the biggest settlement in shipping history, in a claim for improperly insulated tanks in three methane carriers built at a shipyard here, the insurance says.

The proposed settlement calls for Lloyd's to pay \$90 million as soon as an agreement is signed by various companies involved in litigation over the tankers, and \$70 million a year for three years after that.

Lloyds, which provided insurance for construction risks, announced the settlement Friday but did not say who would get the money. Nor did any of the other companies involved.

The three tankers were built at Avondale shipyards of New Orleans Inc., but the aluminum tanks were built and their insulation installed by Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp.

Both companies have denied fault since the problem was discovered in July 1979. Avondale, a subsidiary of the New York-based Ogden Corp., has sued Kaiser for more than \$95 million in damages. The suit also asks return to about \$74 million in payments to Kaiser.

Avondale and El Paso Co. of Houston, which ordered the vessels, have also sued Conch LNG, the French designers of the ship's containment system. El Paso said the insurance settlement is part of an overall agreement with Ogden and the U.S. Maritime Administration and will allow it to sell the ship hulls.

Cracks in the methane tanks' polyurethane coatings and in foam used to protect the tankers' hull were found during tests on the first of the three ships to be built.

## Japan to propose Asian nuclear center

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (AP) — Japan is to propose the establishment of an Asian regional nuclear development center to promote technical exchanges for peaceful purposes in the region, Foreign Ministry sources said Sunday.

The idea will be put forward at the second review conference of the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons opening in Geneva later this month, the sources said.

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Ministry of Education	Supply of fuel and servicing of ministry's vehicles for 1400/1401 H	1/T	Free	Aug. 23
Ministry of Communications	Building and paving of 383-Km. expressway between Riyadh and Dammam (work to be completed in eight sections)	—	2000 (each section)	Sept. 7
Directorate of Girls' Education, Northern Province	Supply of blackboards	—	—	Aug. 17
Ministry of P.T.T. (Saudi)	Maintenance of external wires in Riyadh district	80/107	1500	Aug. 21
Municipality of Dammam	Temporary asphalt of some roads	—	2000	Aug. 30
Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Transportation of machinery and other requirements of the army in different regions	—	100	Sept. 13

## PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON THE 4TH AUGUST, 1980 23RD. RAMADAN, 1400

### 1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Vessel	Agents	Cargo	Arrival
4	Vijaya Jiwan	Orri	O. Shells/Beds/C.P. Goods	1/8/80
5	Hej Abdul Rehman	El Hawi	Loading Scrap	29/7/80
6	Anangel Hope	Bamaadiah	Barley	16/7/80
7	ALMA	Kanoo	Flour/Rice/Ctrls.	2/8/80
10	Ibn Al Atheer	Kanoo	Crs/Steel coils wire	2/8/80
11	Ibn Bejjeh	Kanoo	Contrs/Gen.	3/8/80
12	MINA	Barber	Timber/Plywood	4/8/80
16	Saint Louis	Razayst	Containers	3/8/80
18	LAMA	Relco	Bulk Cement	10/7/80
20	Al Riyadh	O. Trade	St. Pipes, Coil Wire/rods	22/7/80
21	Meracana 1	Alpha	G.I. Pipes/Tiles/Timber	30/7/80
22	New Dragon	Orri	Maise/Rice/Sorghum	23/7/80
23	Ngomei Chau	Alstas	Sorghum/Rice/Carbide	31/7/80
24	Saudi Prince	O. Trade	Cement/Fertiliser/Timber	2/8/80
26	Spartan Reefer	O.C.E.	General	31/7/80
27	Sanix ACE	Kanoo	General/Containers	29/7/80
31	Passat Universal	Star	Reefer	31/7/80
36	Jutlandia	Barber	Containers	3/8/80
38	Edu One	Fayez	Durra/Groundnuts	1/8/80
71	PAG	Attar	Tobacco/Wiremesh/Cotton	3/8/80
39	MEDO	Fayez	General	1/8/80
41	Tekis 'H'	O.C.E.	Durra	31/7/80
42	Katina	Alsbah	Limastone	2/8/80
RoRo	Mercandian Importer	Orri	Barley	2/8/80
11			Ro Ro Units	2/8/80

## DAMMAM PORT MANAGEMENT DAMMAM SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS OF 23/9/1400/4-8-1980 — CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

### 1 VESSELS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
7	Maharashmi	SEA	General	3-8-80
8	Finn Builder	SMC	Gen/Confs	2-8-80
10	Kota Rakyet	Gulf	Loading Urea	28-7-80
15	Melina	UEP	barley/Rice/Gen.	20-7-80
16	Joyin Maru	Alireza	Cars	14-8-80
21	Pacific Exporter (DB)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	28-7-80
31	Srbija	Kanoo	General	1-8-80
32	Ocean Strength	AET	General	3-8-80
33	Fidelio	Kanoo	Vehicles	3-8-80
36	Peleib (DB)	SMC	Bulk Cement	30-7-80

## Top-level responsibility denied

# Hospital payoff scandal rocks Austria

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 4 (AP) — Politics in normally placid Austria have been fired up by a bribery scandal described as the biggest in the country's postwar history.

Hundreds of millions of schillings are suspected of changing hands illegally in the building of Vienna's new general hospital, whose mammoth two square towers dominate the city skyline.

Chancellor Bruno Kreisky has been pressed by Austrian reporters about new elections over the growing affair, one so complicated that television commentators have used charts to explain it to viewers.

Seven businessmen and two lesser public officials are in jail for investigation. Austria's opposition People's Party has used the scandal to attack Kreisky's powerful Socialists — and both parties have used it to batter the tiny Freedom Party.

Ranking officials of the Kreisky government steadily deny any top-level responsibility in the affair which has brought reports of mysterious bank accounts in Liechtenstein, jewelry, gold bars, and a mysterious yacht.

"If there is scandal, then it is that something happened within the circle of private firms," Finance Minister Hannes Androsch told a news conference last week.

Androsch himself is the owner of a tax consulting firm which, early in the hospital affair, was discovered to have gotten busi-

ness related to the project. The project is costing the equivalent of \$3.25 billion, and was some 20 years in the planning.

The finance minister has argued that he is not involved in his firm's management while he is in government. A former manager of the firm has been quoted by newspapers as saying it got its business, even though foreign firms put in lower bids, because it was the only one that met contract specifications.

One court commission and a Parliamentary committee are investigating the payoff allegations, first made by the Austrian magazine "Profil." Eighty companies involved in the project are said to be undergoing special audits.

Freedom Party leader Norbert Steger, the moustachioed young head of the Parliamentary committee, said July 14 that he had hints the two larger parties had received bribes. Little has been heard from Steger since both parties loudly challenged him to reveal his evidence and Vienna Mayor Leopold Gratz, a Socialist, accused him of slander.

Those jailed by last weekend included the former planning chief for the hospital project, a city official, four executives of the firm of Siemens Austria, two executives of a Siemens subsidiary and one executive of ITT Austria.

No formal charges have been filed against the nine now in custody and most versions of the scandal have come through

the news media. Newspapers have linked figures in the case with gold bars allegedly stored in Liechtenstein, jewelry purportedly found in a Vienna safe deposit box, unexplained money transfers in and out of Austria and a recently purchased yacht discovered on the Italian coast.

Critics have urged that investigations be expanded to look for payoffs in other big Austrian construction projects. Targets suggested include the huge new United Nations office complex opened in Vienna last year, the Arlberg alpine highway tunnel, a Vienna Pension headquarters building, and Austria's only nuclear power plant, near Vienna, which has sat unused since its 1978 completion because of populist opposition.

The hospital scandal has drawn attention to a little-known aspect of life in Austria, a country known to most foreigners as a tranquil, prosperous alpine nation. Many Austrians complain that the peaceful exterior is maintained by a bureaucratic complex whose secrecy and domestic power rival that of any political machine in the West.

Viennese complain of having to bribe bureaucrats for driver's licenses, apartments, car permits and other necessities. Few expect the general hospital affair to have any serious impact on the political machine, which has survived two world wars and the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

## Aid to industry slight, U.S. reports

# Trade barriers called detrimental to shoppers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (AP) — Countering political demands for stiffer import controls, a Federal Trade Commission report says trade barriers already on the books have jacked up prices to consumers by billions of dollars without benefiting U.S. industry and jobs by anywhere near that amount.

An economic study of five products, chosen because they are subjects of government measures to protect U.S. industries from foreign competition, said that "the overwhelming result of these case studies is that the costs of protection invariably exceed the benefits."

It looked at textiles, sugar, color television sets, Citizens' band radios and non-rubber shoes and said the higher prices to U.S. consumers for those products alone is about \$2.073 billion annually. By contrast, benefits

in the form of pay to U.S. workers who could otherwise lose their jobs, was put at \$281 million per year.

The study comes as election-year pressures are mounting for federal measures to protect U.S. industries hit hard by the recession, primarily the automobile and steel industries. Supporters of trade restrictions say they save jobs and help the U.S. balance of payments.

The study said protectionist measures usually are urged by special interests, companies that have foreign competition and unions representing their workers. However, it said, "the costs (of trade barriers) are dispersed among possibly millions of consumers."

The report said a post-World War II trend to freer trade was reversed during the 1970s. While earlier protectionism consisted primarily of tariffs, it said the "new protectionism" includes:

—International agreements. Instead of a free market determining export-import levels, shares of a country's market are negotiated by governments.

—Anti-dumping laws. These limit imports when they are found to be sold for less than the producer's costs.

—Quantitative restraints. These restrictions are aimed at imports from selected countries.

The study said the leading example of how

international agreements can cause higher prices to U.S. consumers is in textiles, where the multi-fiber arrangement limits virtually all major textile exporting and importing nations.

"Textile restraints represent a huge cost to consumers, more than \$5 billion in four years," the study said. Sugar prices were increased by \$1.56 billion over the same period, with nearly half of that extra cost coming through subsidies to U.S. producers, the study said.

The FTC bureau of economics estimated additional costs to U.S. consumers at \$1.025 billion for non-rubber footwear in four years and \$114.4 million for Citizens' band radios in the three years studied. It said there were no extra costs for color television sets, because restrictions on Japanese imports allowed many sets to be imported from Korea and Taiwan.

These costs were the estimated differences between the price to consumers with the restrictions and without them. "In addition to the direct costs of protection... there is the problem that protection can have a snowballing effect," the study said.

"When ever protection is granted, there is a precedent established for another industry in similar circumstances."

## Industrialist Wallenberg dead

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 4 (AP) — Jacob Wallenberg who with his brother Marcus headed Sweden's leading industrial and financial empire for more than half a century, has died, his family reported Sunday. They said the 87-year-old Wallenberg died Saturday in a private clinic.

One of Sweden's richest men, he often wore threadbare suits, drove a battered old car and avoided publicity in accordance with his family's motto, "to be but not to be."

He never married and left his estate worth

more than \$100 million to Peder Sager, 45 whom he adopted as his son, according to news reports. The Wallenberg dynasty operated primarily through its Enskilda Bank, founded in 1856.

Through stock purchases the family acquired control of a growing number of Swedish companies, some of which grew into major export concerns. Among the firms were Asea, Saab-Scania, LM Ericsson, SKF Ballbearing, Swedish Match, Alfa Laval and Atlas Copco.

## Portillo, Venezuela to supply oil to Central America

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, Aug. 4 (AP) — The presidents of Mexico and Venezuela Sunday agreed to supply up to a total of 160,000 barrels of oil daily and financing for it to Panama, Central America and Caribbean countries.

In a joint agreement, Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo and Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins said "the net

internal consumption of imported oil of each of the countries benefiting from the program will be satisfied in equal parts by Mexico and Venezuela."

The document says the program will be based on the understanding that the countries "continue efforts to ration the internal consumption of hydrocarbons and promote the domestic production of energy."

The program includes Panama, Central American countries, Barbados, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica. Mexico and Venezuela will draw up individual commercial contracts with each of the countries. The program is to begin the first trimester of next year.

The oil will be sold at world market prices, according to the document, and credits will be given to the participating countries of up to 30 percent on their respective oil bills with a four per cent annual interest rate for five years.

But, if the imported oil is used for economic development projects and especially energy projects, the credits could be extended for 20 years, according to the agreement. Lopez Portillo said the agreement has put Mexico's world energy plan for a just distribution of the world's energy resources into action.

"When Mexico presented its world energy plan before the United Nations, we only met with a haze of propositions of what we could do," Portillo said.

## Agip oil of Italy in Angola oil hunt

ROME, Aug. 4 (AFP) — The Italian Agip Oil Company, part of the state-owned ENI group, will explore for oil off the Angolan coast in cooperation with U.S., French and Yugoslav partners, informed sources said here.

The companies will be looking for oil in a 4,000 square km area of water less than 200 meters (600 feet) deep on the Angolan continental shelf.

Under an agreement signed recently in Luanda, the partners will share the exploration risks, and any oil discovered will be distributed in proportion with their respective financial contribution. The other three participants are the state-owned Elf-Aquitaine Company of France, the Mobil Oil Company of the United States and Maifagas of Yugoslavia.



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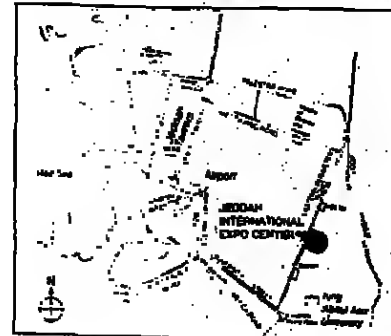
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**BETTY BAILEY**

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IN FACT I'LL GO WITH YOU! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED JOGGING, SIR

I LOVE IT

**BLONDIE**

MY TEACHER IS BEGINNING TO LIKE ME, MR. BUMSTEAD

YOU MEAN SHE DOESN'T SIT YOU IN THE CORNER ANYMORE?

OH, SHE STILL SITS ME IN THE CORNER

BUT NOW SHE DOESN'T USE ROPES

**B.C.**

WHAT'S WITH THE PENCIL?

I'M TRYING TO QUIT SMOKING.

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

PTUI

THAT'S MY 27TH NUMBER 2 TODAY.

**HAGAR**

I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO SIT IN THE SMOKERS' SECTION

**SMALL SOCIETY**

AGE?

I REFUSE TO ANSWER ON GROUNDS THAT IT MAY TEND TO ELIMINATE ME

**ANDY CAPP**

—AN' APART FROM THAT, I'M JUST NOT THAT SORT O' BLOKE, TED—

IT WAS DEFINITELY A FAIR TACKLE — AGREED?

WELL, NOW THAT YOU'VE EXPLAINED IT TO ME — AGREED

I CAN CONVINCE MOST PEOPLE OF MOST THINGS — AN' 'IMSELF OF ANYTHIN'

SO THIS IS THE THANKS I GET FOR SELECTIN' YOU FOR THE RUGBY TEAM AT YOUR AGE?

IT WAS NOTHIN' PERSONAL, EH, JACK? YOU WERE JUST PRACTISIN' A BIT OF MEANNESS FOR SATURDAY, RIGHT?

**DENNIS the MENACE**

MR. WILSON SURE LOOKS DIFF' RUNT WHEN HE'S HAPPY, DON'T HE?

**Contract Bridge**

**B. Jay Becker**

**No Hard and Fast Rules**

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 7 4  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ A Q 10 8 3  
♣ 9 5

**WEST**  
♠ K J 5  
♥ K 8 7 4 3  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ 6 2

**EAST**  
♠ 9 8 2  
♥ Q 5  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ J 10 8 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 6 3  
♥ A 9 6  
♦ J 5  
♣ A K 7 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 NT

Opening lead — four of hearts.

Bridge does not lend itself to hard and fast rules. There are of course general principles that govern most situations — whether in the bidding or the play — but these principles must yield to logic when it is clear that adhering blindly to a general principle is apt to prove injurious.

Take this case where West led a heart against three notrump, dummy playing the ten, East the queen and South

the ace. Declarer returned the jack of diamonds, which held, and then a diamond to the ten, East winning the trick with the king.

East returned the queen of clubs, won by declarer with the king, and South played a low heart towards dummy's J-2. West was now helpless and South made nine tricks consisting of a spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

Declarer would have gone down at least two bad East played the five of hearts at trick one instead of the queen. True, ducking dummy's ten would have violated the rule of third-hand-high, but there was more than ample reason to do so under the circumstances.

It was a virtual certainty that West did not have the A-K of hearts, and it followed from this that playing the queen would enable declarer to get to dummy later on, whether he had the ace, the king, or both.

On the other side of the coin was the strong possibility that, by playing low on the opening lead, East might deprive declarer of a vital entry to dummy to cash the diamonds.

In the actual case, this possibility would have matured and South would have found himself in a hopeless predicament.

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**Your Individual Horoscope**

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈  
You'll find solutions for work related tasks, but avoid a P.M. tendency to slack off. Romance, travel and communications are favored.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉  
A time for serious creative work. Avoid extravagance on non-essentials. The P.M. may bring a money-making opportunity.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) ♊  
A sparetime activity may have profit potential. Take the initiative in romance. Creative energy is high. Find constructive outlets.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) ♋  
Close allies are receptive to your point of view. Watch a tendency to idleness. P.M. favors privacy and home-based activities.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌  
Confidential advice is worth following. Social life brings good times, but watch grandiose gestures or extravagance with money.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍  
Let friends assist you with necessary research on a career matter, than act on it.

The P.M. brings a chance for financial gain.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎  
Work from behind the scenes for success. Keep private career confidences to yourself. Good news from friends at a distance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏  
Talks with elders prove helpful. Deal with educational matters. W.B. business projects favored, but nix a friend's dubious proposition.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐  
Concentration abets career success. Avoid risk-taking projects. W.B. P.M. is favorable for partnership dealings and romance.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑  
You'll achieve greater understanding of one at a distance. If you'll refrain from goofing off, career success is in store for you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒  
Work with security goals in mind. Tackle serious projects, then welcome a chance for relaxation later. Take in a cultural event.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓  
Improve relations with children and partners. Discuss home improvement plans. Catch up on extra tasks after working hours.

**Crossword**

by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

1 Ostrich  
4 Waistcoat  
9 Handle roughly  
10 Esoteric  
11 Stake  
12 Etcher's tool  
13 Nothing  
14 Slapstick item  
15 Pup's cry  
16 Hebrew for Lord  
17 Baseball's Carew  
18 Verbal ending  
19 Slip one over on  
21 Grafted (Her.)  
22 Work unit  
23 Part of the weekend (abbr.)  
24 Distant  
26 Shriveled up  
29 Sesame  
30 Tea variety  
31 Holiday time  
32 Chou En  
33 Gypsy  
34 Initial for Eisenhower  
35 Creel user  
37 Real estate  
38 Group of whales  
39 Paris airport

**DOWN**

41 UFO area  
1 Luzzon port  
2 Snoring  
3 Saloon order  
4 Classic Von Stroheim film  
5 Rink covering  
6 Gertrude Lawrence musical  
7 Sign up  
8 Plains house  
9 Future painter  
10 Cation's opposite  
14 Bluenose  
20 Be wrong  
21 Consume  
23 Locale for Brynner show  
24 Eureka!  
25 Future bridegroom  
26 Part of a fingerprint  
27 With uniformity  
28 Having a sharp tone  
30 King of Thebes  
36 Card game  
37 Spanish article

**Yesterday's Answer**

1. Ostrich  
2. Snoring  
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5. Rink  
6. Gertrude  
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36. Card game  
37. Spanish  
38. Group of  
39. Paris  
40. Eureka!  
41. UFO area

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Wavelengths: 16.98, 16.81, 13.82 (meters)

Evening Frequencies: 17910, 21755 (kHz)  
Wavelengths: 16.74, 13.96, 13.79 (meters)

7.45 Religious Program  
8.00 News  
8.10 Melodies  
8.30 Literary Magazine  
9.00 NEWS  
9.03 Your Doctor  
9.23 Our Choice (Music)

4.30 Religious Program  
4.46 Dust and Corns  
5.15 Literary Magazine  
5.45 One Singer  
6.00 NEWS  
6.15 Press Review  
6.30 On This Day  
6.25 Classical Music

**STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS**

STAN, WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A WEAK APPROACH SHOT AND AM ALREADY ON MY WAY IN?

KEEP ON MOVING -- IT'S EASIER TO GO FORWARD THAN BACKWARDS.

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE** — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**CRYPTOQUOTES**

KXG SOX KNOX EGVXOXUVEGI  
VZSG HNKXG. CIV HNKXG SOI

KNOX MSUQEGSVEGF. — DSKXU VZIOCK  
Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE GREAT SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE IS TO TREAT ALL DISASTERS AS INCIDENTS AND NONE OF THE INCIDENTS AS DISASTERS. — HAROLD NICHOLSON

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**arab news CALENDAR**

**DHAHRAN TV**

4:30 Children's Show  
5:22 Safety Film  
5:44 Survival  
6:00 Horizon  
7:00 Family  
7:47 Second Run Feature

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**TUESDAY**

Afternoon Transmission

2:00 Opening  
2:01 Holy Quran  
2:05 Gens of Guidance  
2:10 Saudi Tableau  
2:20 On Islam  
2:30 Radio Magazine  
3:00 NEWS  
3:10 Press Review  
3:15 Music  
3:20 World of Vehicles  
3:30 A Selection of Music  
3:40 —  
3:50 Cutdown

Evening Transmission

9:00 Opening  
9:01 Holy Quran  
9:05 Gens of Guidance  
9:10 Light Music  
9:15 The Evening Show  
9:45 Reflections of a Muslim  
10:00 Islamic Contributions  
10:10 News  
10:15 NEWS  
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle  
10:30 Bouquet  
11:00 The World of the Guitar  
11:15 Round and About  
11:45 On Islam  
12:00 In the Quiet  
12:30 Music  
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams  
01:00 Cutdown

**BBC**

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News  
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
8:30 News Summary  
8:30 Sarah Ward  
8:45 World Today  
9:00 Newsdesk  
9:30 Opera Star  
10:00 World News  
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours  
10:30 Sarah Ward  
10:45 Something to Show You

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus  
1:30 Discovery  
2:00 World News  
2:09 News about Britain  
2:15 Alphabet of Musical  
2:30 Sports International  
2:40 Radio Newsworld  
3:15 Promenade Concert  
3:45 Sports Round-up  
4:00 World News  
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours  
5:15 Report on Religion  
6:00 Radio Newsworld  
6:15 Outlook  
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## Artificial hip joints

# English company machine tools 'bionic' body parts

By Dr. W.A. Thomson

LONDON (Special) — The most common form of disease of the hip joint is osteoarthritis. This is a degenerative condition of the joint which usually develops with increasing years. It affects other joints as well but is most crippling in the hip.

It can also be exceedingly painful, and this combination of crippling and pain can make life very trying for the elderly.

The disease is particularly upsetting because many of those who develop it have been active sportsmen in earlier life. For a man who has played rugby football when young and then taken to golf in his late 30s, it can be heartbreaking to find that because of the disease he has become unable to play even that alternative sport.

Some 50 years ago the only surgical treatment open to such sufferers was to have the joint fixed — the operation was known as arthrodesis. This meant that the individual was still considerably crippled but he could walk with the aid of a walking stick and, most important of all, he was relieved of his pain.

Over the years this operation was modified by different orthopaedic surgeons in an attempt to diminish the degree of crippling. Then in the 1960s came a major break-

through, pioneered by Sir John Charnley, Professor of Surgery at Manchester University, England. Basically, this offered new hips for old. The damaged joint was removed and the patient was given a new one.

The immediate results, in carefully selected patients operated on by experts, were looked upon by the patients as "miraculous". Walking sticks could be thrown away and the rejuvenated patient could walk painlessly and with ease, and, if so inclined, play a quiet game of golf.

Inevitably, as the news of this operation spread, more and more patients demanded it and more and more surgeons performed it. Today, literally thousands of patients throughout the world are reaping the benefits of this operation.

Equally inevitably, two other things have happened. One is that patients have come to take it for granted that the operation will always be 100 per cent successful. The other is that surgeons are now allowing themselves to be persuaded to give new hip joints to patients for whom the operation is not really suitable.

This, of course, implies no criticism of the surgeons. It simply illustrates the difficulty of saying "no" to a persistent patient. When the surgeon does agree, and even though he gives

due warning that he cannot guarantee absolute success, the patient is still liable to be dissatisfied if things do not work out as well as he hoped.

Needless to say, the surgeon is just as dissatisfied as the patient, and during the past two decades many improvements have been introduced. It is these improvements that have been incorporated by Joint Replacement Instrumentation Ltd. (JRI) in what it describes as the British Biomechanical Hip Replacement System.

Numbers of these improvements are the result of increasing knowledge of the mechanics of the hip joint. Such knowledge is essential if abnormal stresses and strains are not to be imposed on the new artificial joint. One has only to consider for a moment the stresses to which hip joints are exposed when people walk about, let alone play games, to appreciate the complexity of the problem.

The task has been made more difficult for the surgeons because they have gained such a high reputation for their skill in providing new joints for old that younger victims of this hip disease often expect that after the operation they will be able to return to their original sporting activities, including racing, jumping and even baseball.

In essence the system is relatively simple.

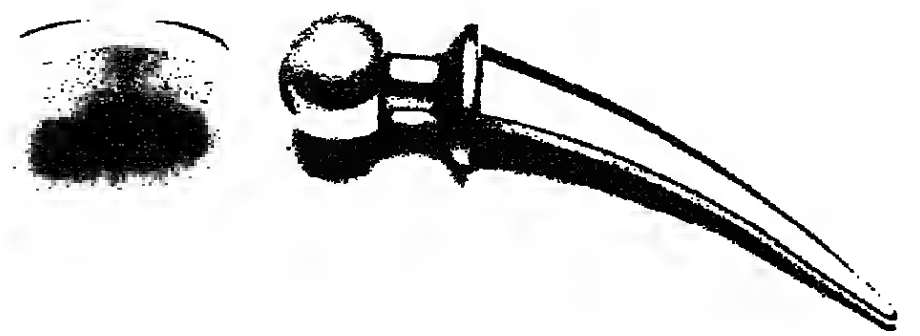
The hip joint consists of two parts. These are the head of the thigh bone (femur), which is rounded, and the hollow in the hip bone (acetabulum), in which it swivels.

The surgeon removes the rounded head of the femur and replaces it with a stem prosthesis. This has a rounded head and a long stem which is inserted into the femur. It is this stem that takes the strain and is therefore most vulnerable.

Joint Replacement Instrumentation (JRI) has now introduced a new prosthesis made of forged titanium, which has many advantages over its predecessors, which were originally made of stainless steel and later of chrome cobalt. They are stronger and stand up better to the bending and compressing pressures to which they are submitted. They are also less susceptible to metal fatigue and are therefore less likely to bend or break.

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The next stage in the operation is that over the rounded head is placed a femoral cap. This is made of chrome cobalt and is cast by the Rolls-Royce motor company. It is claimed that its "sphericity is of an accuracy rarely



NEW HIP: The stem prosthesis (right) fits into the femoral cap to form a ball-and-socket joint that can replace human bone. The highly machined ball must be perfectly round to work properly.

attained. The femoral cap is firmly fixed to the head of the prosthesis by a special cement.

Equally important is the smoothing out of the interior of the acetabulum. When this has been achieved, it is fitted with a 4 mm thick acetabular cap which is made to adhere to the acetabulum by a 1 mm thick layer of special cement.

In this way the patient is provided with a brand new hip joint by a procedure which, by using these new constituent parts and emp-

loying a carefully controlled technique, offers a higher success rate in restoring victims of osteoarthritis to a life of nearly normal activity.

Traditionally, the incision or cut made in the skin by a surgeon during an operation is afterwards closed by stitches — or sutures, as they are technically known. This is still by far the most common way of closing incisions, and when the sewing up is done by a skilled surgeon the results are excellent. The wound heals quickly, and is strong.

## Rice rules modern Thailand like a gentle emperor

By Tom Burgess

SUPHANBURI PROVINCE, Thailand (WP) — The sun is almost directly overhead, the water is knee deep. In their family's flooded rice paddy, Mawin Chowbuaymuk and his two brothers are stooped over a task that can easily be called the foundation of Asian civilization.

Lifting an armload of 20-day-old rice seedlings, each man wades cautiously backward, at each step pushing a seedling's roots into the slippery paddy floor. The plants are spaced about 10 inches apart, just far enough to assure the roots won't choke each other as they grow.

The work looks exhausting, but Mawin, 24, claims it is not. He has planted since childhood and disposes of 50 seedlings per minute with ease. "When a lot of people work together, it can actually be fun," he says without breaking his rhythm.

The bright green seedlings now resemble spring onions. At maturity in October, they will be golden brown, each standing waist-high and bearing as many as 1,500 grains of rice. The 2.8 acres Mawin's family cultivates will yield more than three tons of rice.

About 75 per cent of Thailand's people live in rural communities like Mawin's and most grow rice as their principal crop. They will harvest about 17 million tons of the grain this year.

Of all the question village people ask Americans, the most common seems to be:



PLANTING AND FLOWING: A line of Thai farmers moves through a rice paddy planting rice shoots while another man plows furrows using a pair of water buffalo. Thailand's rice land is highly productive.

"Is it really true that you don't eat rice?" In East Asia, a meal without rice is not a

meal. The grain is food itself, the difference between prosperity and want. Its needs in the field dictate when people work and when they play. It is counted with countless religious rituals.

In Thai, as in many Asian languages, "to eat" translates literally as "to eat rice." When a Thai talks of cooking, he is actually talking of "making things that go with rice." He can refer to his possessions as his "rice and things."

Many historians credit the rise of East Asia's great civilization to the refinement of rice agriculture. The Khmer Empire, for instance, built a complex grid of irrigation canals that allowed three crops of rice per year in places — thereby freeing people to build temples, debate religion and embark on wars of conquest.

Often, wars were directed at capturing neighboring states' most valuable assets — their rice fields and the peasants who tilled them. In old Thailand, fields were often doled out to feudal noblemen whose rank could be determined by how much acreage they controlled.

Botanists classify the simple plant responsible for all of this as a grass. It exists in thousands of varieties. It is grown on the equator in Sumatra or as far north as Hokkaido Island in Japan, roughly the same latitude as New England. It thrives at sea level in flooded paddies or on dry hillsides at 5,000 feet.

In Thailand, the main planting season falls in early summer when the first monsoon rains soften and then flood the country's paddy land.

The farmer's choice of seed depends on how much water enters the field and on labor. If the farmer cannot control flooding depths or has only a few helpers, he usually plants "broadcast" rice — so called because it is sown by casting handfuls of seed directly onto the soil. It can survive varying water depths and needs relatively little tending.

The Chowbuaymuk family, however, has diked paddies where flooding can be regulated. It also has the requisite labor — Mawin and his brothers — to raise the more bountiful transplanted varieties of rice.

The seeds are first planted in a carefully tended nursery. These plots' dazzling green hue makes them among the most pleasing sights in the Thai countryside. After three weeks, the seedlings are meticulously moved by hand to the main paddies.

Transplanting must take place within a very tight time frame. Thus villagers often start their nurseries in sequence, then work cooperatively on each other's fields when seedlings are ready to be moved. "We help them, they help us," says Mawin. It is one of the few examples of communal labor in the Thai village.

During its first month in the new paddy, the rice needs close tending. Mawin and his brothers will clear away weeds, hunt down rodents and birds and apply insecticide and fertilizer. After that, it is smooth sailing until harvest in October.

Again, the villagers work in each other's fields, with much good-natured banter during the day and drinking and festivities at night. As the last rice is packed into the family bins or sold to visiting merchants, the cycle is completed for the year, though in some villages a second crop is planted.

The harvested rice appears on Thai plates in endless forms. There is the boiled rice Americans know. It also comes as a soup — a favorite for late night eating in Thailand —

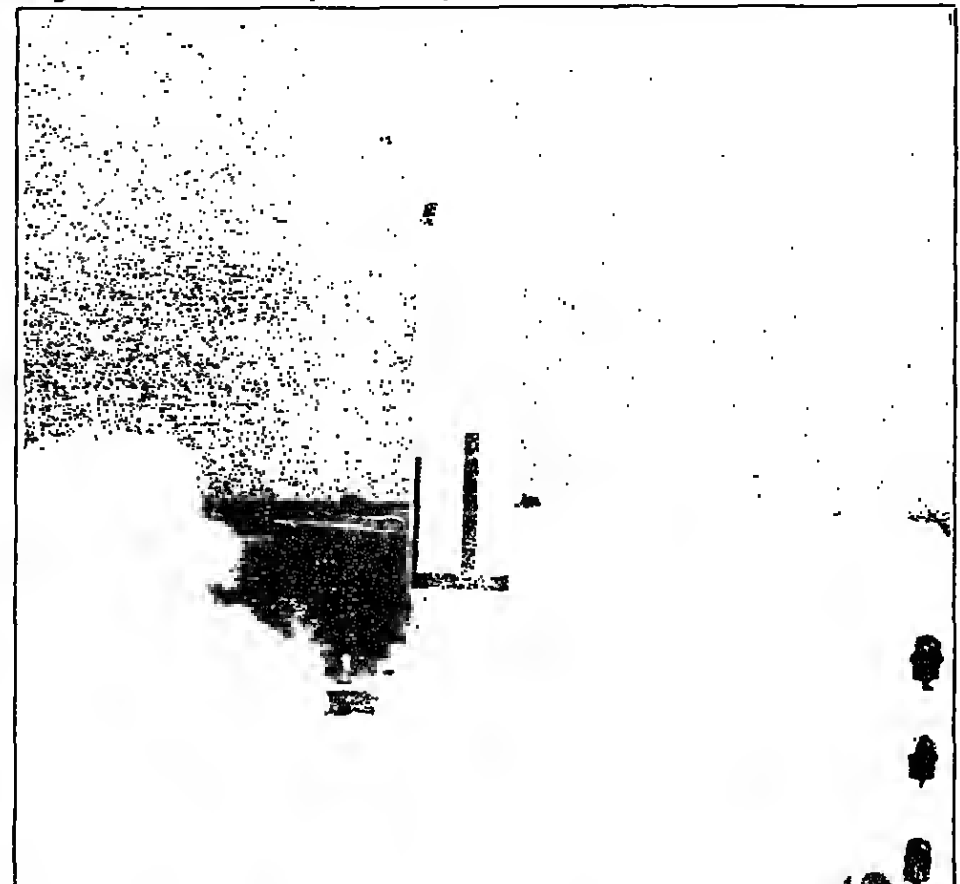
snacks made from sun-dried grains, sweets made with coconut juices.

It is soaked and boiled until it becomes noodles. It is fermented into rice wines, which villagers must keep secret from the police. By-products are used too: husks go to feed pigs or insulate ice blocks being transported in barges. The stalk is left standing in the field, then burned away to fertilize the soil for the next crop.

Rice's role as the staff of life is guarded by religious ceremonies. Each spring Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej plows a ceremonial furrow in Bangkok, using two specially blessed oxen. It is a centuries-old Brahmin rite to symbolically guarantee the fertility of the country's fields.

Villages in Northeastern Thailand stage wild festivals which send 20-foot, homemade rockets into the clear blue skies of the late dry season. With much drinking and merrymaking on the ground, the heavens are symbolically fertilized by the rockets to make them pregnant with rain.

Transplanting and harvesting often begin with special offerings of food and incense to Mae Phosop, the supernatural rice mother. Every villager knows her: she becomes pregnant when the rice flowers bloom and her offspring, the grain, nurtures humankind in the same way that a mother's milk, white and pure, nurtures a baby.



TRIDENT: Britain recently decided to buy the American Trident missile system to replace its aging Polaris missiles. The new nuclear deterrent will cost £5,000,000,000.

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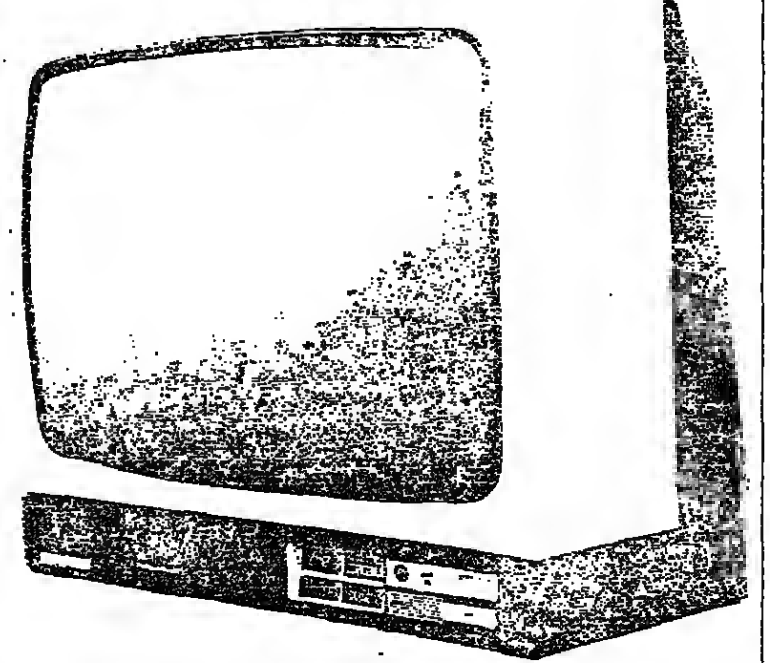
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### On Afghanistan

## Pakistan knocks Soviet propaganda

By Shahid Orakzai  
Special Correspondent

RAWALPINDI, Aug. 4 — A foreign ministry spokesman criticized the Kremlin's consistent propaganda about Pakistan's involvement in the freedom struggle of Afghan mujahideen as President Zia ul Haq received the credential from the new Soviet envoy at a colorful ceremony at the presidency here last evening.

Ambassador S.V. Smirnov, in a uniform decorated with medals, was driven in a state coach to the presidency. He also inspected an army honor guard. The ambassador who arrived here before the close of the Moscow Olympics has replaced Sarwar Azimov, a controversial figure whose 10-year ambassadorial assignment in Beirut fetched Kremlin her present equation with PLO.

A brief official statement about the ceremony said President Zia discussed "matters of mutual interest" with the new Soviet ambassador.

Earlier touring rain-affected areas in Lahore, capital of Punjab province, Zia emphatically denied any secret contact having been made by his government or the three member Islamic conference committee on Afghanistan for seeking a political solution of the crisis.

"Neither the Pakistan government nor the committee is trying to meet any one secretly because we have no secrets on the question of Afghanistan," he told a group of reporters who drew his attention to a statement of Foreign Minister Agha Shahi that Pakistan was in contact with various governments on the issue. "What ever had taken place had come out in the open," the president remarked about the efforts of the three member Islamic conference committee.

The president's remarks dispelled rumors here that Pakistan was ready to relax conditions spelled out by the three member committee for parleys with the communist Kabul government. The committee had offered dialogue with the Babrak Karmal government if it does not involve a formal recognition of the puppet regime. Foreign Minister Agha Shahi had declared that the committee was ready to receive Babrak Karmal as the leader of ruling Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

In Islamabad a foreign office spokesman

Sunday described a Moscow radio report as "totally false" which accused Agha Shahi of seeking American arms for the mujahideen at his recent talks with U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie. The spokesman also refuted the fabrication that arms would be supplied to mujahideen through Egypt.

The spokesman said Shahi had instead clarified to U.S. authorities that Pakistan will not become a conduit for the flow of arms into Afghanistan. He added that American arms aid to Pakistan was not discussed at the talks because Islamabad had already rejected \$200 million of military sales credit offered by Washington soon after Soviets invaded Kabul.

Meanwhile, in Afghanistan, reeling from heavy casualties, Soviet forces have taken command of the Ghazni garrison south of Kabul after 4,500 of the 5,000 Afghan army troops there deserted or joined the Muslim insurgents, a report said Sunday.

With the end in sight of the bloody 10-day battle at Ghazni, 120 kms. south of Kabul, Soviet forces launched a massive ground and air offensive against the rebels at Tangi Wardak, 38 kms. west of the capital, said the report from a Kabul resident who in the past has been accurate.

About 200 Russians and 300 insurgents were killed so far in the continuing battle of Tangi Wardak, the informant said, quoting eyewitnesses reaching Kabul. The Russians poured about 2,000 troops and 400 tanks and armored vehicles against an insurgent force that earlier seized an Afghan army base at Tangi Wardak, killed 15 political officers and captured the soldiers and their arms, the report said.

The battles at Ghazni followed by those at Tangi Wardak were described as the largest encounters fought by the Russians near Kabul since 80,000 to 100,000 Soviet troops entered Afghanistan last December.

Travellers to India from Afghanistan have been reporting daily flotillas of Soviet MiG jets and helicopter gunships roaring off to Ghazni and Wardak provinces south and west of Kabul and returning later to Kabul airport with their rockets fired.

Sunday's report said gunships and MiGs had been taking off from Kabul at two-minute intervals and that Russian wounded and dead were arriving at Kabul airport for transfer to the Soviet Union.



WELCOMED BACK: The Dalai Lama, exiled from Tibet 21 years ago, has been invited back home by Chinese officials. But he still stays just across the border, in northern India.

### But Dalai Lama stays away

## Peking wooing Tibetan leader

LHASA, Tibet, Aug. 4 (AFP) — With Tibetans venerating the Dalai Lama as fervently now as they did when he was forced into exile 21 years ago, Chinese authorities have stepped up their invitations for the "God King" to return home and "cooperate" with the communist government.

Last Monday 2,000 enthusiastic residents of the former Himalayan kingdom, now one of China's five autonomous regions, gathered to voice their support of a five-man fact-finding mission from the Dalai Lama. Local Chinese authorities reacted sharply the next day, ordering immediately back in Peking the Dalai Lama's envoys, the second group of Tibetan exiles to visit China in a year.

In the presence of three foreign newsmen, one of the five, Phuntog Wangyal, spoke out against China's Tibetan policy, publicly blaming Peking for the intolerably poor living conditions of his former countrymen.

But just after the demonstration, interim Communist Party secretary for Tibet Yin Fatang was careful to reiterate to the press that he sought to "cooperate" with the ousted king, who at 44 lives over the border at Dharmasala in northern India.

One of the first Communist Party officials sent to Tibet in 1951-52 after the mountain kingdom's "peaceful liberation" by Chinese troops, Yin Fatang is responsible for implementing Peking's new liberalization policy, a switch from 30 years intensive socialization of the region.

"Let us cooperate as we did in the past ... even better," Yin urged the Dalai Lama through his representatives. "We are old

friends."

Two years ago, the "God King" announced that he would consider dropping his claim for an independent Tibet if he could really believe that his people — six million in all, with just under a third actually living in his former kingdom — were genuinely "happy" under the communists.

Yin said that if the Dalai Lama decided to return home, he would of course be expected to play a political role. But he confirmed suspicions that this role would be mainly representative by adding quickly that a return to China was conditional on accepting Peking authority.

"If the Dalai Lama really follows the party's line and directives, working enthusiastically to serve the people under the guidance of the central committee, I am certain we will cooperate even more successfully than in the past."

Observers in Peking believe that if he settled in China, the Dalai Lama would most likely be given a seat in the people's political consultative council, but agree that recent statements by Yin and other senior officials indicate that the "God King" would also be recognized as an unofficial religious leader.

Meanwhile, here in Lhasa hopeful Tibetans mill daily round the capital's most ancient monastery, Jokhang Temple. In a spontaneous show of attachment to their former ruler, street peddlars do a brisk trade in photos of the "God King" at 50 fen (33 cents) a time, while thousands of people patiently wait their turn to bow to the monastery's rich gates.

## Waldheim shutting to Bangkok

HANOI, Aug. 4 (R) — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim says he made some progress during a two-day visit to Hanoi towards easing tensions over Cambodia.

He told a press conference the issue was difficult and complex but "I feel there is considerable interest on reopening the dialogue between Vietnam and Thailand."

Waldheim, who traveled on to Bangkok Monday, had an unscheduled meeting with Vietnamese leader Le Duan which U.N. officials described as a positive step. The situation deteriorated seriously last month after a brief Vietnamese military incursion into Thai territory from Cambodia.

Thai officials have said they are unsure whether Waldheim's visit would break the diplomatic deadlock.

Vietnam has not ruled out negotiations. Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach told reporters that Cambodia and Thailand could

name representative countries or nominate a third party as an intermediary in resolving the issue. Thailand has refused several overtures from the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh, which it does not recognize, for direct talks on bilateral problems. It says face-to-face negotiations would be seen as implicit recognition.

Thach said Vietnam would accept Waldheim's good offices in negotiations but not a direct U.N. participation while it had a resolution calling for the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia in force.

He rejected a proposal by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for a U.N.-supervised peace zone inside Cambodia, saying it would help Thailand's security but not that of Cambodia.

Thach said Vietnam was determined to pursue its stand that any demilitarized zone should be on both sides of the Cambodian-Thai border.

## Libya, Billy probe starts in Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Agencies) — U.S. Senate investigators, formally opening hearings into Billy Carter's ties to Libya, are examining the oil-rich Arab nation's role in world affairs, including its history of supporting terrorist groups.

Meanwhile, speculation continues over whether his brother, President Jimmy Carter will ask to testify with his version of events fully on the record before the Democratic National Convention which opens Monday in New York.

The president was finishing work on a report to the Senate panel concerning the Billy Carter-Libyan affair and the White House involved in it.

Sen. Birch Bayh, chairman of the special committee, says he wants to conclude all major areas of the investigation by Labor Day, the traditional opening of the fall presidential election campaign.

The committee is opening with two background hearings, one on Libya itself and the other on enforcement of the law under which Billy Carter registered July 14 under Justice Department pressure as an agent of the Libyan government.

Committee lawyers said this week's background hearings will bring the panel to the "threshold" of Billy Carter's involvement with Libyan causes. A full exploration of that involvement is to come later, beginning the week of the Democratic convention.

Staff investigators will intensify their work next week while Congress is in recess for the convention, where the president is seeking renomination.

The president worked over the weekend on a report aimed at answering public questions on the Billy Carter case. He was also due to hold a news conference Monday.

Subcommittee members say it is possible President Carter, in an attempt to gain political initiative in the controversy, may make a personal appearance later this week. Sen. Strom Thurmond, a South Carolina Republican who is vice-chairman of the subcommittee, said it was President Carter's right to appear if he wished.

But he said the president should be prepared to answer questions and to appear again after the convention if the subcommittee needed more information.

## Bonn expecting terrorist strike

BONN, Aug. 4 (R) — Urban guerrillas are believed to be planning a major operation in West Germany, a police chief said Sunday. They have stolen at least eight cars in apparent preparation for the attack, criminal office President Horst Herold said in a television interview. Four had been recovered.

The thefts surfaced during checks after the death in a car crash of Juliane Plambeck, one of the country's most wanted guerrilla suspects, on July 25 near Stuttgart.

Herold said a machine pistol found in Plambeck's wrecked car was the gun used to kill four bodyguards in the kidnapping of employers' leader Hanns-Martin Schleyer in Cologne in 1977. Schleyer was later murdered.

## Schmidt, Honecker to meet this month

BONN, Aug. 4 (AFP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will hold a two-day meeting with East German head of state Erich Honecker on Aug. 27 and 28 at Dierhagen, a Baltic resort near Rostock, an informed source said here Sunday.

Bonn earlier announced the talks will center on international matters and possibilities of advancing arms limitation between North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) members and the Warsaw Pact nations.

Mario Tuti, a founder of the National Revolutionary Front, was one of Italy's most-wanted men after he killed two policemen who came to search his home. Extradited from France in 1975 and now serving a life term, he was one of eight people indicted Saturday on charges of planting the bomb on the train six years ago. While the other seven declared their innocence, Tuó was quoted by a reporter as saying the bombing was an "act of war."

But in local elections in June in Naples, Italy's most troubled city, the MSI won a startling 22.3 per cent of the vote. The results reflected voter discontent with the Communist-run city hall and the Christian Democrats, the ruling party nationally.

## Italian blast blamed on right

BOLOGNA, Italy, Aug. 4 (AP) — Investigators found metal fragments Sunday and said they were now nearly certain an explosion that killed at least 84 persons at Bologna's railroad station was caused by a bomb. Authorities believe right-wing terrorists planted it.

Local police announced the death toll climbed as more victims died of their wounds overnight. Rescue workers digging through the rubble of the station's waiting rooms and restaurant pulled out a child about 7 or 8 years old, critically injured but still alive though trapped some 20 hours after the blast Saturday morning.

Bologna's police chief, Italo Perrante, announced investigators found tiny pieces of metal that could have been part of a bomb, near a 20-centimeter deep hole in the floor of the second-class waiting room. Perrante said he was "95 per cent or even more" sure that terrorists had planted a powerful explosive and added he suspected they were right-wingers because of similar attacks claimed by the right in the past.



Prime Minister Cossiga

## Neo-fascist terror rages over Italy

By Victor L. Simpson

ROME, Aug. 4 (AP) — While the leftist Red Brigades have grabbed attention with daring terrorist attacks in recent years, Italy's neo-fascist extremists have been spreading death and destruction at a steady pace.

Seeing themselves as the heirs to the "squadristi," the strong-arm squads who helped Italy's fascist dictator Benito Mussolini take power in the 1920s, right wing extremists have been blamed for some of the bloodiest attacks in post-war Italy.

Now far-rightists have come under suspicion in the devastating explosion at the Bologna train station that killed at least 84 persons, a tragedy investigators believe bears the stamp of a right wing bombing. Bologna's police chief, Italo Perrante, said he was "95 per cent or even more" sure that terrorists had planted a powerful explosive. He said he suspected they were right-wingers because of similar attacks claimed by the right in the past.

Right wing extremist groups go under such names as New Order, Black Order, the Year Zero, National Vanguard, National Revolutionary Front and Armed Revolution-

nary Nuclei. Some of their members, including ex-paratroopers, have been arrested in paramilitary camps wearing Nazi or fascist dress or in their homes filled with arms and explosives.

New Order has been specifically banned on charges that it represents an attempt to reconstruct the Fascist Party, outlawed under the postwar constitution.

Right wing extremists were convicted in the bombing of a crowded bank in Milan in 1969 that left 16 persons dead and more than 100 injured. Italy's worst post-war terrorist act up to now. They were also blamed for a bomb planted in a square during an anti-fascist rally in Brescia, near Milan, that killed seven persons in May 1974 and for a bomb that went off on a train between Bologna and Florence in August 1974, that left 12 dead.

Terrorism analysts noted that two gangs, New Order and National Vanguard, have expressed support for violent actions aimed at crowds of people in public places. Italian left-wing groups, in contrast, have often aimed at selected targets. The Red Brigades kidnapped and killed former Premier Aldo Moro and the left has claimed responsibility for attacks on industrialists, executives,

judges, journalists and other "servants of the state."

Bombings and shootings by groups of both political stripes recall the climate of violence and fear that preceded Mussolini's seizure of power in the 1922 march on Rome. Italians call it the "strategy of tension," aimed at capitalizing on crisis to bring about a take over by another strongman.

Mario Tuti, a founder of the National Revolutionary Front, was one of Italy's most-wanted men after he killed two policemen who came to search his home. Extradited from France in 1975 and now serving a life term, he was one of eight people indicted Saturday on charges of planting the bomb on the train six years ago. While the other seven declared their innocence, Tuó was quoted by a reporter as saying the bombing was an "act of war."

But in local elections in June in Naples, Italy's most troubled city, the MSI won a startling 22.3 per cent of the vote. The results reflected voter discontent with the Communist-run city hall and the Christian Democrats, the ruling party nationally.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

The story started on the night of the 30th of May, 1977, in a farm in North Wales. Its hero and victim, a bull named, of all things, "Arab."

On that fateful night, a herd of no less than twenty-nine cows broke loose from a neighboring farm, and strayed into poor Arab's enclosure: where they stayed all night. Next day, the owner came to see his bull dying — he had, to put it delicately, found no reason to resist temptation. His heart was in a bad condition, and he had to be destroyed. His carcass was sold to the butcher. He ended up as sausage meat.

That ignoble end to his prize stud incited the farmer to revenge. And a long court case followed, which ended just recently, with the farmer losing his claim for around a million sterling in damages. The court awarded him the modest sum of 147.76 pounds and he had to pay the vast costs of around 60,000 pounds.

That result was expected as the lawyer defending the owner of the neighboring farm had succeeded in casting strong doubts on Arab's original abilities. A whole sad and sordid history of failures and half success came to light. Arab, the lawyer made out — and the court seemed to accept — was bound to end up as sausage meat sooner or later. He wasn't up to much even before the "unfortunate incident" which led to his final down fall.

The name of the victim, we felt as the story began to appear in the papers, imposed certain obligations of loyalty upon us. Clearly its owner had thus named him in hope that he would live up to the name. He must have realized that there are certain sides to our lives which Arab politics hasn't up to now been able to ruin.

That hope, alas, wasn't to be fulfilled. What Arab inherited from us was not that required trait, but, apparently quite another one: a fatal over-estimation of capacity; a disastrous inability to say enough. A certain recipe for disaster.

Last word on the case would come from the judge himself. There in court, amid the solemn silence, his voice rang in final tribute:

Pity him this fallen chief  
All his splendour all his strength,  
All his body's breadth and length,  
Dwindled down with shame and grief,  
Half the bull he was before,  
Bones and leather nothing more ...

Translated from Ashraf Al Awasl

## Spain awaits Basque 'bomb' detonation

MADRID, Aug. 4 (AP) — After days of roadblocks, thousands of searches and dozens of fruitless leads, Spanish police have been left sitting on the biggest time bomb in their history — seven atomic half tons of explosives in the hands of Basque separatists.

Police now seem destined to wait until the militant guerrillas of the Basque separatist organization ETA who stole 7,000 kilos — 15,400 pounds — of plastic explosive decide to strike. ETA commanders robbed the explosives from a factory in the northern city of Santander July 25.

The guerrillas have hinted they will strike unless the government accepts the separatist demands it has rejected many times before. "It's a time bomb, or hundreds of time bombs," says a Red Cross official, whose organization prepared evacuation plans for the northern Basque city of Bilbao within hours after the robbery.

In Madrid, police backed up traffic for kilometers, searching cars and trucks entering or leaving the city, apparently acting on the chance that the capital was to be ETA's prime target. The search turned up nothing.

Premier Adolfo Suarez quickly conferred with top defense officials, then offered a reward equivalent to \$300,000 for information leading to the recovery of the explosives, a combination of nitroglycerin and ammonium nitrate called "Goma-2."

With ETA's record of 50 political assassinations so far this year, its threat has been taken seriously all over Spain. Headlines warned of possible catastrophe, noting that the Santander explosives loot was 2 times the amount ETA used to kill Spain's premier, blowing his car six stories into the air. One newspaper suggested hopefully that the Marxist-line guerrillas were sending the explosives to the Irish Republican Army (IRA) in exchange for more modern arms.

But ETA put an end to that jilca three days after the robbery by announcing it had stolen the Goma-2 because it was "necessary for the survival of any armed organization." It added: "The use of this material and rest of the military potential at our disposal will depend on the attitude the Spanish government adopts ... to our proposal for a cease-fire."

ETA's "proposals" — amnesty for all ETA prisoners and withdrawal of national police from Spain's Basque provinces — have been refused repeatedly by the government.